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PASSION: Morgan Schneiderlin celebrates his second-half goal.

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LATE GOAL ROBS OF FIRST SAINTS

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Saints started the game very positively. They were pressing Wigan high up the pitch, closing down quickly and in numbers and pinning the home side back.

In possession Saints were quick to try and play the ball into feet and break forward at every opportunity.

In a rare early attack Wigan had appeals for a penalty waved away as jostling from a corner in the area saw Paul Scharner go down with Jos Hooiveld's arms wrapped around him.

Wigan started to get more of a foothold in the game after that and created the first genuine chance on 13 minutes.

Jean Beausejour whipped in a wonderful cross from the left.

Franco Di Santo cut in front of Hooiveld to divert the ball goalwards but Artur Boruc produced an excellent save diving away to his left to prevent Wigan from taking the lead.

But Saints wasted an even better opening three minutes later.

Rickie Lambert picked up the ball on the left and chipped into the area to find the run of Gaston Ramirez.

He had beaten the offside trap and was totally alone ten yards out but made a terrible mess of his shot and volleyed over the bar.

And it proved costly as Wigan took the lead on 25 minutes.

It was a very basic goal as Beausejour sent in a left-wing corner and Gary Caldwell easily dropped off of Maya Yoshida and arrowed a header into the bottom corner.

Saints were almost level instantly as Morgan Schneiderlin closed down James McArthur's penalty box clearance and Ali Al Habsi had to dramatically dive back to turn it wide.

Jay Rodriguez became the first player in the book for a challenge on Beausejour even though he won the ball.

Saints came close again on 38 minutes, in a very similar fashion to which Wigan scored.

Morgan Schneiderlin chipped in a right wing corner, Hooiveld had pulled off his marker and flicked a header from the edge of the six-yard box that went narrowly wide.



Saints finished the half with ten minutes of incessant and unrelenting pressure on the Wigan backline.

The hosts were determined to play out from the back at any cost and Saints pushed up the field and forced them into so many mistakes.

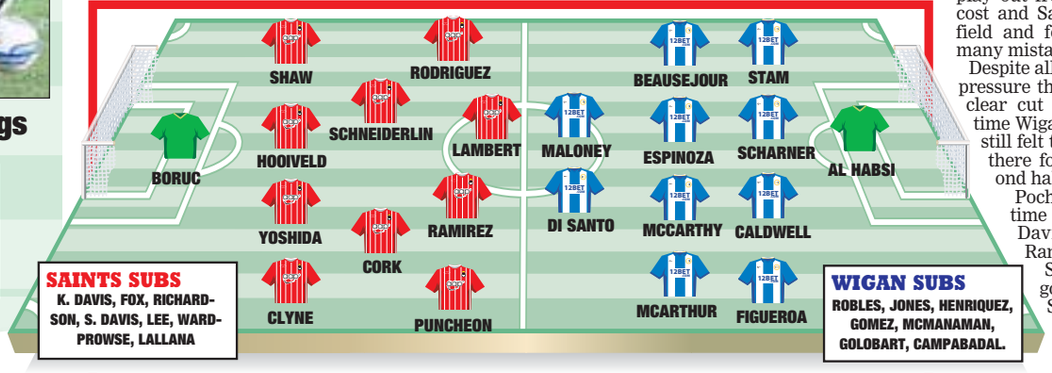
Despite all that possession and pressure they couldn't create a clear cut chance and at half time Wigan led even though it still felt there was something there for Saints in the second half.

Pochettino made a half-time change with Steven Davis replacing Ramirez.

Saints got off to a good start again with Scharner having to produce a good defensive header to prevent Lambert from surely converting a right wing cross.

Cork became the second Saints player in the book for a foul on Espinoza.

Saints were again really turning the screw on Wigan and they responded with their first switch with Jordi Gomez com-



TEAM NEWS

MAURICIO Pochettino made just one change to the Saints side that lost 2-1 at Manchester United for the trip to Wigan.

That was to recall Luke Shaw to the left back role with Danny Fox amongst the substitutes.

The only other change in the matchday squad was James Ward-Prowse replacing Richard Chaplow on the bench.

There was still no place for new signing Vegard Forren while Adam Lallana had to be content with a place on the bench despite his impressive half time Old Trafford cameo.

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AS MAURICIO'S MEN FAIL TO DEAL WITH SET PIECE

POCHETTINO VICTORY



JUMPING JACK: Jack Cork wins a high ball.





STRETCH: Wigan's Roger Espinoza, left, challenges Jack Cork.

ABOVE: Wigan Athletic's Shaun Maloney celebrates scoring a late equaliser.

ing on for Ronnie Stam on 56 minutes.

Cork's fantastic sweeping pass saw Lambert cut inside and he squared to Rodriguez on the edge of the six-yard box but he couldn't quite turn it goalwards.

Adam Lallana was introduced for Saints on 60 minutes, coming on for Nathaniel Clyne.

Saints changed to more of a 4-4-2 formation with Cork dropping to right back, Steven Davis to central midfield with Lallana on the left, Puncheon on the right and Lambert and Rodriguez up front.

The tactical change paid off as Saints levelled on 64 minutes.

Cork survived handball shouts and chipped in a cross that Rodriguez couldn't win cleanly in the air but Lambert, who was on the borderline of offside, steamed in to bravely challenge Al Habsi and just beat the Wigan keeper to the ball to head home from inside the six-yard box for 1-1. Saints had deserved it and the big question was whether Wigan would respond by becoming more positive again or if Saints' momentum would continue to get them a win.

Lallana so nearly bagged a massive goal for Saints on 71 minutes as the ball broke kindly to him in the area. The midfielder hit a shot on the turn that beat Al Habsi but struck the near post and bounced clear.

It was all Saints again as they continued to totally dominate Wigan who were merely holding on and hoping for the best.

Lambert came close again, this time with a volley back across goal that whistled wide.

Wigan made another change on 75 minutes with Callum McManaman coming on for Espinoza.

Saints made their final substitution with nine minutes remaining with James Ward-Prowse replacing Puncheon as Pochettino added more solidity to the side.

Both teams were well aware of the importance of the game and that another goal might make a massive difference in the fight for safety.

Wigan were trying to press more but looked tired.

And Saints duly caught them on the break to get in front with five minutes left.

Saints broke quickly down the left on the counter attack with Rodriguez pressing to the by-line and cutting back to find Schneiderlin six yards out in the centre of goal and he applied the simple finish for 2-1.

But it didn't last long as Wigan equalised with a minute remaining.

Again it was from a Beausejour corner.

This time Scharner won it in the air and headed back across goal, Shaun Maloney was stood totally unmarked at the near post and finished low past Boruc for an equaliser.

Wigan made a change with Angelo Henriquez on for McCarthy.

There were three minutes of stoppage time but neither team could find another chance and the match finished disappointingly for Saints given their dominance with honours even.



UP FOR IT: Roger Espinoza jumps with Gaston Ramirez.

Maur: we'll work on set pieces

MAURICIO Pochettino admitted his frustration as Wigan scored a late equaliser to deny Saints a deserved victory at the DW Stadium.

Shaun Maloney's late leveller meant the game ended 2-2 and ensured the wait for Pochettino's, pictured, first win as Saints boss extends another week.



"I am frustrated the same as the rest of the boys because the team played a great match," he reflected.

"The effort that the team put into it they deserved the victory.

"We could have had two victories and one draw (since Pochettino took charge).

"Work is what we've got to do.

"We will work on things during the week and in the future we have to work on set pieces."

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LAMBERT CLOSES IN

Odemwingie saga can spur us on – Clarke

HEAD coach Steve Clarke has urged West Brom to use the ill-fated Peter Odemwingie saga as a "positive stimulus" to get their season back on track ahead of tomorrow's home clash with Tottenham.

Striker Odemwingie has been left out of the squad to face Spurs following the collapse of his move to QPR after he turned up at Loftus Road on transfer deadline day anticipating the completion of the deal.

Clarke, below, believes Odemwingie can eventually rebuild his career at The Hawthorns but his immediate focus is on Albion ending a five-game run without a win in the Barclays Premier League.



He said: "We have lost a bit of edge. November was a good month for us, December was average and January has been a poor month for us so I'm glad it's February and we can try and move on.

"The players have lost a bit of confidence, it happens when you lose games. Some of the performances have been okay but we haven't got the results.

"It's time for us as a group of players, me and my staff, to get together with the players and rally round.

"Maybe we can even use some of the events which have unfolded this week and try and use it as a positive stimulus to drive the group forward and get back to the form we were in earlier in the season."

Clarke admitted: "It can be difficult sometimes to pick your form up straight away but we've got to find a way of getting results.

"The quicker we do that, the quicker we get to our first target of 40 points and then we can reassess and see how many points we can accumulate."

Clarke worked alongside Spurs boss Andre Villas-Boas at Chelsea and is delighted to see him rebuilding his reputation following his unsuccessful spell as manager at Stamford Bridge.

He said: "Andre is a good coach. He had a difficult time at Chelsea. I'm pleased he had the chance to come back in at Tottenham.

"He's done really well with a fantastic group of players. People say I was lucky to come in here with a good group of players.

"I think Andre also had a great group to come in and work with but he's done his job really well."



NUMBER 99: Rickie Lambert celebrates his goal.

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AT THE end of a week in which he was overlooked by his country, Rickie Lambert issued a reminder that there are currently no better English goalscorers in the Premier League than him.

The striker bravely headed Saints level in the second half at the DW Stadium to set them on the way to a point against fellow relegation battlers Wigan.

Despite his efforts this season, Roy Hodgson did not believe Lambert warranted a place in the national team squad for Wednesday's friendly against Brazil, at Wembley.

The forward's age – he turns 31 this month – may well have counted against him, as England look to bring through a new crop.

That is understandable, but it is impossible to ignore Lambert on goals alone.

His 11 strikes this season cannot be bettered by any other Englishman.

Only former Saint Theo Walcott, at Arsenal, can boast the same number of goals.

'His goal summed up much about him – instinctive, clinical, brave and tough'

Lambert has now taken his tally for Saints to 99.

It is a magnificent total, given that he has only been at the club for three-and-a-half years.

He will join an illustrious list of players to reach the century mark for the club when he brings up his ton.

Already members of that select group include the likes of Matt Le Tissier, Mick Channon and Ron Davies. Club legends all of them.

It is a status that Lambert himself is heading towards.

His goal at Wigan summed up much about him – instinctive, clinical, brave and tough.

So often he positions himself in the right area, sniffing out chances in the area.

When Jack Cork's cross skidded off the head of Jay Rodriguez, he reacted quickest.

Bravery was required too. It is

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ON SAINTS LEGENDS



BRAVE FINISH: Rickie Lambert heads past Wigan keeper Ali Al Habsi.

something Lambert has in abundance.

He threw his head at the ball, nodding it past Ali Al Habsi, before being clattered by the Wigan keeper.

Such knocks won't matter to Lambert, as long as the ball is in the net. It takes a lot more than that to keep him down anyway.

It seems the same is true for Saints.

For the second time in a week, they produced a stirring second-half performance.

At Manchester United in midweek they fell just short, losing 2-1, despite having the league leaders on the back foot for much of the final period.

Against Wigan, they were excellent after half-time, storming from behind to take the lead.

Shaun Maloney's late equaliser was harsh on them, but should not completely detract from another largely encouraging display.



ALL SMILES: Mauricio Pochettino, left, and Wigan manager Roberto Martinez at the DW Stadium.

Mancini warns over Liverpool threat

MANCHESTER City boss Roberto Mancini has warned of the dangers facing his side as Liverpool come to the Etihad Stadium tomorrow.

The Italian believes the Merseysiders are well capable of qualifying for the Champions League and feels City will have to be at their best to avoid slipping up.

The champions can ill afford to drop many more points as they seek to pull Manchester United back at the top of the Barclays Premier League.

Liverpool's recent run of good form was undermined by their shock loss to Oldham in the FA Cup last weekend but they responded with a positive display in a 2-2 draw at Arsenal in midweek.



That has ensured they remain firmly in contention to finish fourth, which would fully vindicate manager Brendan Rodgers' methods after an at times difficult season of transition.

Mancini, pictured above, said: "When you want to change it is difficult sometimes.

"He (Rodgers) did some good results but Liverpool is always a strong team.

"I watched the game against Arsenal, they played well.

"It will be a dangerous game on Sunday. If we want to win, we should play well and score when we have a chance."

The Oldham result aside, the Reds seem to have recovered well after defeat at Stoke on Boxing Day and Mancini would not be surprised to see them make the top four.

He said: "Yes, if they continue to play like in the last month, because they did well."

City will again be without captain Vincent Kompany, who is still troubled by a calf strain and may not return until after the FA Cup fifth-round clash with Championship side Leeds in a fortnight – meaning he will miss his side's trip to St Mary's next weekend.

Matija Nastasic, who made the bench for the midweek draw at QPR, is hoping to be fit enough to return to partner Joleon Lescott in central defence after a knee problem.

If not, in the continued absence of Kolo Toure due to the African Nations Cup and Micah Richards because of injury, midfielder Javi Garcia may again have to deputise at the back.

Cherries/Pompey Spotlight

Non-league News

Cuss snaps up Cherries duo

WIMBORNE Town have brought in two AFC Bournemouth bright sparks on loan.

Teenage duo Alex Moth and Ryan Case are spending a month at Cuthbury to gain valuable senior experience.

Moth, 19, can play in midfield or attack, while 17-year-old Case is a defender.

The pair were both dual-registered with Sydnehams Premier outfit New Milton Town last season and were among a batch of six youth team graduates to be offered their first professional contracts by the Cherries.

Wimborne boss Steve Cuss, who doubles up as head of the AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust, said: "We are delighted to have these two good, young players on board."

Promotion is a must for Poole

TOM Killick has piled the pressure on his Poole Town players by declaring: "We expect promotion."

Last season's beaten play-off finalists are the bookies' odds-on favourites to be crowned Evo-Stik Southern One South & West champions.

And Killick makes no bones about the weight of expectancy he is placing on his side.

"People say you shouldn't put players under pressure, but I don't really buy into that theory," he said.

"We expect to be promoted, so the players have to know that.

"There is no point trying to disguise it or dress it up. We are desperate to go up.

"I know it, the directors know it, so the players need to know it as well.

"If that creates pressure, then you have to deal with it."

Kemp to stay on at 'Church

SYDENHAMS Premier high-fliers Christchurch have delayed plans to appoint a new manager with Graham Kemp set to continue in the role until the end of the season.

Christchurch had this week been hoping to name a successor to Kemp, who stepped down last month following a fruitful five-and-a-half years in the Hurn Bridge hotseat.

However, Priory chairman Mark Duffy confirmed on Wednesday that the club had been "unsuccessful" in their attempts to find a suitable replacement for the 47-year-old.

Kemp will continue to hold the fort, alongside assistant John Macey and coach Jim Totczyk, until the end of the season when Christchurch will resume their search for a new boss.

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Three and easy for Cherries at Dons



GET IN: Marc Pugh netted for Cherries.

CHERRIES moved into third place in the League One standings after a simple 3-0 win at MK Dons this afternoon.

Lewis Grabban's ninth-minute strike set Eddie Howe's men on their way, before Marc Pugh made it 2-0 following Ryan Lowe's sending-off for a horror tackle on Tommy Elphick.

Harry Arter completed a superb second-half performance with a sweet drive from distance on 84 minutes.

Howe named an unchanged line-up from the 3-1 win over Crewe at Dean Court last weekend, with new signing Matt Ritchie having to settle for a place on the bench.

Cherries made a bright start, livening the lack of atmosphere at a soulless stadium:mk.

Brett Pitman fired over from a good position inside the 18-yard box after two minutes, the Channel Islander having latched on to Steve Cook's long throw.

And Cherries took a deserved lead after just nine minutes when Grabban took advantage of a poor back pass from Jon Otsemobor to round goalkeeper David Martin and slot home with a cool finish from an acute angle.

Just two minutes later, Grabban went close to doubling Cherries' lead when his left-foot curler from 18 yards flew narrowly wide.

And although Simon Francis's mistake moments later let in Ryan Harley, his woeful effort from distance only troubled the corner flag.

Shwan Jalal punched clear under pressure from Lowe on the half-hour as the Dons began to come into the clash, before Pugh fired straight at Martin after neat build-up work between Pitman and Grabban.

Jalal then beat away Lowe's right-foot shot moments before the break after the former Bury man had beaten the offside trap to close in on the Cherries goalkeeper.

But referee Scott Mathieson had no option but to show Lowe a straight red card for a horrendous challenge on Elphick in first-half stoppage time.

The pair had squared up earlier in the first half, after Elphick had appeared to accuse Lowe of a stamp, and the striker's poor tackle on the Cherries captain sparked ugly scenes, with Francis and assistant boss Jason Tindall incandescent with rage.

Elphick limped off to be replaced by Ritchie, but as the winger was waiting to come on, Pugh made it 2-0.

Martin saved well with his legs from Grabban's initial effort, but Pugh burst in from the left channel to blast an unstoppable shot into the roof of the net.

Ritchie slotted in at left-back, with Dan Seaborne taking Elphick's place at centre-half after the restart, while Steve Cook wore the captain's armband.

Both Josh McQuoid and Izale McLeod, a half-time substitute, blazed over at each end as the second half started in the same sluggish fashion as the first.

Pitman, meanwhile, should have done better when he headed Ritchie's cross from the left right into Martin's hands when unmarked deep inside the 18-yard box.

Some neat work between Pitman and Eunan O'Kane just after the hour saw Pitman fire narrowly over the crossbar, before a patient and meticulous build-up saw Grabban denied by Martin from close range.

McLeod's blushes were spared moments later when he shot wide from all of two yards after Shaun Williams's curler had come back off the post during a rare Dons foray into the final third.

The referee's assistant held aloft his flag as the groans rang out from the home support.

McLeod failed to find the target again when he scuffed his effort wide as the clash entered the final 10 minutes but, at the other end, Cherries were in cruise control.

And Arter's sublime left-foot strike from around 20 yards, which nestled in the top corner after Pitman's short free kick, put the icing on the cake for Howe's men six minutes from time.

As the home supporters departed in their droves, Pitman's left-foot strike came back off the crossbar.

The travelling support simply chanted 'We want more'.

Pompey in big trouble

GUY Whittingham's Portsmouth paid the price for some suicidal defending in the first 20 minutes as they fell to a 3-2 home defeat to Colchester.

Pompey found themselves behind after just two minutes, when Freddie Sears played in Gavin Massey to net from close range.

But the Blues were level three minutes later, Jed Wallace turning home after a corner from a Dan Butler corner.

But Colchester then took control, scoring a second when Freddie Sears picked himself up after being fouled by Sam Sodje to convert a penalty and making it 3-1 on 20 minutes as Massey was again on hand to convert from inside the box.

A more even second half saw Pompey come back into the game and it was no surprise when James Keene netted to set up a grandstand finish.

However, despite fashioning a number of chances late on Pompey were unable to find an equaliser and fell to a defeat that leaves them deep in relegation trouble.

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Premiership Spotlight



CRUNCH: Norwich City's Robert Snodgrass (left) and Queens Park Rangers' Adel Taarabt battle for the ball during the Barclays Premier League match at Loftus Road.

Penalty miss costly for new look QPR...

DESPITE plenty of endeavour, QPR were unable to get the breakthrough which Redknapp felt would have seen them go on to win the match.

The key moment came just before the hour when QPR were awarded a penalty for a trip by Norwich keeper Mark Bunn on Jamie Mackie.

However, Adel Taarabt, who had been Rangers' most creative player, saw his spot-kick well saved by Bunn.

Both keepers produced a string of fine stops, with Julio Cesar also doing well to deny Wes Hoolahan from close range and tipping behind a 25-yard curling effort from Robert Snodgrass.

QPR's deadline day signings defender Christopher Samba, bought in a £12.5million deal from Anzhi Makhachkala, and midfielder Andros Townsend, on loan from Tottenham, had both started, while Jermaine Jenas came off the bench in the second half.

Redknapp said: "I felt if we had scored the penalty, we would have gone on and won the game.

"Of course we need wins, but we could not have tried any harder – we gave everything we had.

"I felt when Bobby Zamora came on, he made a difference for us, but he cannot play for 90 minutes because of an operation on his hip.

"Once he stops, it just clamps up on him. Getting him through half a game is a miracle.

"If I had him fit, it would be a different team."

Redknapp remains positive for the challenges ahead.

"We just have to keep going," he said.

Norwich sent on their new man Luciano Becchio for the closing stages and with five minutes of stoppage time – during which the former Leeds striker looked to have been bundled over by Clint Hill in the six-yard box at a corner, but referee Jon Moss thought otherwise.

Canaries boss Hughton had been forced into an early change after 24 minutes when Pilkington hobbled off.

The winger had just received his first call-up to the Republic of Ireland squad, but was now set to miss out.

Hughton said: "Pilkington has a hamstring injury.

"We will assess how bad it is, but at the moment certainly we will be pulling him out of the Irish squad."

Norwich have still not won in the Premier League since December 15.

Hughton, though, feels forward progress is being made.

"Every point away from home in this division is a good point, especially against a team in form," Hughton said.

"We knew it was going to be a tough game, but I thought a draw was a fair result.

"We are a hard-working team who were always going to have a tough season, so it is all about assessing the games and coming good again.

"At the moment, although we are not picking up three points, we have played out two good draws and the gap between us and the bottom three is very important."

Moussa is the main man for Newcastle

MOUSSA Sissoko scored twice for Newcastle as they beat Chelsea 3-2 in a pulsating game at St James' Park.

Jonas Gutierrez opened the scoring for the Magpies after Tim Krul kept former teammate Demba Ba at bay with some strong work in goal.

Ba was then forced to leave the field with blood pouring from his nose late in the first half when he was caught by Fabio Coloccini.

Frank Lampard equalised for the Blues after the break with a 25-yard swerving strike before Juan Mata added the second for Chelsea when Torres, on for Ba, touched the ball onto his left foot, allowing his Spanish team-mate to curl the ball past Krul.

Sissoko then scored his first goal for Newcastle to level things up before grabbing a late winner for Alan Pardew's side.

Marouane Fellaini scored a last-minute equaliser as struggling Aston Villa drew 3-3 with Everton at Goodison Park.

Villa striker Christian Benteke got the visitors off to a flying start when he beat defender Jonny Heitinga and fired the ball low past Toffees keeper Tim Howard in the second minute before Victor Anichebe levelled the score at 1-1 following some poor defending.

Seconds later, Paul Lambert's side were back in front thanks to Gabriel Agbonlahor, who fired into the bottom corner to give Villa a 2-1 lead at the break.

Villa extended their lead when Benteke added his second after the break, again beating Heitinga, as he headed past Howard in a bid to seal a much-needed win.

Everton were not done, though, with Fellaini poking the ball home from Anichebe's lay-off before he levelled the score with a header at the near post in the 90th minute.

Reading beat Sunderland 2-1 at the Madejski Stadium to climb out of the relegation zone.

Jimmy Kebe gave Reading the lead when he fired the ball past Simon Mignolet before Pavel Pogrebnyak fouled John O'Shea to give Sunderland a penalty.

Craig Gardner stepped up to level the score at the break with a well-taken spot-kick before Kebe scored a late winner to give Reading a vital win and continue their strong run of form.

Arsenal beat Stoke 1-0 at the Emirates when Lukas Podolski's low-free-kick was deflected by Geoff Cameron and past goalkeeper Asmir Begovic, who had single-handedly kept the Potters in the game with a series of quality saves.

West Ham beat Swansea 1-0 at Upton Park thanks to Andy Carroll's second goal of the season, a header past Gerhard Tremmel.

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AUGUST															
Sun 19 Man City	A	L 2-3	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	Ward-Prowse**	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon***	Do Prado	Rodriguez*	**Lambert* 1**	**S Davis** 1**	Sharp***
Sat 25 Wigan	H	L 0-2	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	S Davis*	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Do Prado	Rodriguez**	Lambert	W-Prowse*	Sharp**	
Tues 28 Stevenage (COC 2)	A	W 4-1	Gazzaniga	Butterfield	Richardson	Seaborne	Shaw	Chaplow*	W-Prowse	Hammond**	**Puncheon 1**	**Lee 1**	**Sharp*** 1**	**Reeves* 1**	Chambers**	Hoskins***
SEPTEMBER															
Sun 2 Man United	H	L 2-3	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Fox	W-Prowse	**Schneiderlin 1**	S Davis	Puncheon*	Lallana***	**Lambert** 1**	Mayuka*	Do Prado**	Rodriguez***
Sat 15 Arsenal	A	L 1-6	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld*	**Fox 1**	W-Prowse	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Puncheon	Lallana	Lambert***	Yoshida*	Ramirez**	Rodriguez***
Sat 22 Aston Villa	H	W 4-1	Gazzaniga	**Clyne 1**	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox*	S Davis***	Schneiderlin	Lallana	**Puncheon** 1**	Ramirez	**Lambert 2**	Richardson*	Mayuka**	W-Prowse***
Tues 25 Sheff Wed (COC 3)	H	W 2-0	Gazzaniga	Richardson	Hooiveld	Yoshida	Seaborne	W-Prowse	Cork**	Chaplow	De Ridder	Do Prado*	**Rodriguez*** 2**	Reeves*	Robinson**	Hoskins***
Sat 29 Everton	A	L 1-3	Gazzaniga	Richardson	Fonte	Yoshida	Clyne**	W-Prowse	S Davis	Lallana***	Rodriguez*	**Ramirez 1**	Lambert	Mayuka*	Reeves**	Chaplow***
OCTOBER															
Sun 7 Fulham	H	D 2-2	Gazzaniga	Richardson*	**Fonte 2**	Yoshida	Fox	S Davis	Schneiderlin	Lallana	Puncheon**	Rodriguez	Lambert***	Hooiveld*	Chaplow**	Do Prado***
Sat 20 West Ham	A	L 1-4	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Hooiveld	Yoshida	S Davis***	Schneiderlin	**Lallana 1**	Puncheon**	Do Prado	Rodriguez*	Lambert*	Mayuka**	W-Prowse***
Sun 28 Tottenham	H	L 1-2	Boruc	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox***	Puncheon*	Schneiderlin	S Davis**	Lallana	**Rodriguez 1**	Lambert	Mayuka*	Do Prado**	Reeves***
Tues 31 Leeds (COC 4)	A	L 0-3	K Davis	Butterfield	Hooiveld	Seaborne	Reeves	W-Prowse	Chaplow	Do Prado	De Ridder**	Mayuka	Lee*	Shaw*	Isgrove**	
NOVEMBER															
Mon 5 West Brom	A	L 0-2	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Fox***	Ramirez**	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Lallana	Rodriguez*	Lambert	Mayuka*	Do Prado**	Shaw***
Sat 10 Swansea	H	D 1-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw*	**Schneiderlin 1**	Cork	Puncheon	Ramirez	Lallana	Lambert	Fox*		
Sat 17 QPR	A	W 3-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw**	Schneiderlin	Cork	**Puncheon 1**	Ramirez*	Lallana	**Lambert*** 1**	S Davis*	Fox**	Rodriguez***
Sun 25 Newcastle	H	W 2-0	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw***	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon	**Ramirez** 1**	**Lallana 1**	Lambert*	Rodriguez*	S Davis**	Hooiveld***
Weds 28 Norwich	H	D 1-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw*	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez	Lallana	**Lambert 1**	Reeves*	Rodriguez**	
DECEMBER															
Sat 1 Liverpool	A	L 0-1	Gazzaniga	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork*	Puncheon**	Ramirez	Lallana	Lambert	S Davis*	Rodriguez**	
Sat 8 Reading	H	W 1-0	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	**Puncheon 1**	Schneiderlin	Cork	Lallana*	Rodriguez**	Lambert	Ramirez	Do Prado**	
Sat 22 Sunderland	H	L 0-1	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Puncheon***	Schneiderlin**	Cork	Ramirez	Mayuka*	Lambert	De Ridder*	S Davis**	Do Prado***
Weds 26 Fulham	A	D 1-1	K Davis	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon	S Davis*	Ramirez**	**Lambert 1**	Rodriguez*	Do Prado**	
Sat 29 Stoke	A	D 3-3	K Davis	Yoshida	Fonte	Hooiveld	Shaw*	Puncheon**	Schneiderlin	Cork	Do Prado	**Rodriguez 1**	**Lambert 1**	Fox*	Richardson**	
JANUARY															
Tues 1 Arsenal	H	D 1-1	Boruc	Cork	Fonte	Hooiveld	Shaw	Puncheon	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Do Prado***	**Ramirez** 1**	Lambert*	Rodriguez*	W-Prowse**	De Ridder***
Sat 5 Chelsea (FAC 3)	H	L 1-5	Boruc	Cork	Fonte**	Yoshida	Shaw	Schneiderlin*	S Davis	Puncheon***	W-Prowse	Do Prado	**Rodriguez 1**	De Ridder*	Hooiveld**	Lee***
Sat 12 Aston Villa	A	W 1-0	Boruc	Clyne	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw***	Puncheon**	Schneiderlin	Cork	Ramirez*	Rodriguez	**Lambert 1**	Fox	S Davis**	De Ridder***
Weds 16 Chelsea	A	D 2-2	Boruc	Clyne	Yoshida	Hooivled	Shaw	**Puncheon 1**	Schneiderlin	Cork	Do Prado***	S Davis**	Rodriguez*	**Lambert* 1**	Chaplow**	Ramirez***
Mon 21 Everton	H	D 0-0	Boruc	Clyne	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Shaw	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon***	Ramirez**	Do Prado*	Lambert	Rodriguez*	S Davis**	De Ridder***
Weds 30 Man United	A	L 1-2	Boruc	Clyne	Yoshida	Hooiveld	Fox***	Schneiderlin	Cork	Puncheon**	Ramirez*	**Rodriguez 1**	Lambert	Lallana*	S Davis**	Shaw***
FEBRUARY															
Sat 2 Wigan	A														
Sat 9 Man City	H														
Sun 24 Newcastle	A														
MARCH															
Sat 2 QPR	H														
Sat 9 Norwich	A														
Sat 16 Liverpool	H														
Sun 31 Chelsea	H														
APRIL															
Sat 6 Reading	A														
Sat 13 West Ham	H														
Sat 20 Swansea	A														
Sat 27 West Brom	H														
MAY															
Sat 4 Tottenham	A														
Sun 12 Sunderland	A														
Sun 19 Stoke	H														

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
KELVIN DAVIS	8	0	1	0	282	0
PAULO GAZZANIGA	9	0	2	0	11	0
ARTUR BORUC	7	0	1	0	8	0
NATHANIEL CLYNE	21	1	0	0	21	1
DANNY BUTTERFIELD	0	0	2	0	50(4)	0
FRAZER RICHARDSON	2(2)	0	2	0	57(10)	0
DANNY FOX	8(4)	1	0	0	47(8)	1
LUKE SHAW	13(2)	0	2(1)	0	15(4)	0
RYAN DICKSON	0	0	0	0	9	0
JOSE FONTE	20	2	1	0	136(1)	12
JOS HOOIVELD	10(2)	0	2(1)	0	53(3)	8
MAYA YOSHIDA	20(1)	0	2	0	22(1)	0

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
JACK STEPHENS	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0
DAN SEABORNE	0	0	3	0	38(15)	0
STEVE DE RIDDER	0(5)	0	2	0	12(32)	4
RICHARD CHAPLOW	0(2)	0	3	0	50(13)	5
DEAN HAMMOND	0	0	1	0	130(15)	11
JACK CORK	14	0	2	0	82(8)	0
MORGAN SCHNEIDERLIN	23	2	1	0	154(28)	5
ADAM LALLANA	16(1)	2	0	0	190(20)	49
STEVE DAVIS	12(9)	1	1	0	13(9)	0
JAMES WARD-PROWSE	4(4)	0	4	0	10(4)	1
JASON PUNCHEON	21	4	2	1	66(4)	8
GULY DO PRADO	7(6)	0	3	0	76(25)	22

	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG
RICKIE LAMBERT	21(3)	10	0	0	172(10)	98
JAY RODRIGUEZ	12(9)	3	2	3	14(9)	6
EMMANUEL MAYUKA	1(6)	0	1	0	2(6)	0
GASTON RAMIREZ	14(3)	3	0	0	14(3)	3
BILLY SHARP	0(2)	0	1	1	12(6)	10
TADANARI LEE	0	0	2(1)	1	7(5)	2
SAM HOSKINS	0	0	0(2)	0	0(2)	0
CALUM CHAMBERS	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
BEN REEVES	0(3)	0	1(2)	1	4(9)	1
ANDY ROBINSON	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0
LLOYD ISGROVE	0	0	0(1)	0	0(1)	0

KEY: LA: league appearances. LG: league goals. CA: cup appearances. CG: cup goals. CSA: career Saints appearances. CSG: career Saints goals.

Paine's World

The Saints legend's EXCLUSIVE column on all things football



Carnival time for Africa



TUMBLE: Togo's Emmanuel Adebayor goes down under the challenge of Tunisia keeper Moez Ben Cherifia.

WHILE the African Cup of nations may give most Premier League teams headaches here in the African continent it is held in high regard.

With the tournament coming at a pivotal time in the English season, with teams including Manchester City, Chelsea and Arsenal all having to release players for the FIFA sanctioned tournament.

Having hosted the 2012 World Cup with such success, South Africa were given the chance to welcome Africa to their doorstep for the first time since 1996; the year of their only other world tournament success.

Since then the national side have struggled on the continent's biggest stage and haven't reached a quarter-final since 2002.

Despite a spirited showing in the 2010 World Cup, Bafana Bafana has slipped considerably down the world rankings, entering the competition as the lowest ranked team in the tournament.

Bemoaned for lack of goals prior to the tournament, support for Bafana Bafana was at an all-time low. Their first match against minnows Cape Verde did little to inspire confidence amongst home support with dire 0-0 at Soccer City. With five draws from their first six matches for the tournament, it was clear teams were more intent on starting the competition without defeat than with a victory.

The tournament has picked up more since then and this past week saw the final round of group matches go down to the wire.

Having picked up a comfortable 2-0 win in the second match, the hosts only needed a draw against Morocco to see themselves through to the knock-out stages.



COLOURFUL: Ivory Coast's Gervinho celebrates after scoring the opening goal against Tunisia.

In front of capacity crowd at the Moses Mabhida Stadium in Durban they made it difficult for themselves twice going behind and teetering on the brink of elimination. The Moroccans seemed intent on employing time-wasting tactics and this came back to bite them as Bafana Bafana notched up a late equaliser to send them through, top of the group and send the north Africans home. In the other groups Ghana and Ivory Coast show why they are favourites to meet in the final as they breezed through their groups to finish top.

Perhaps the shock of the first round was the exit of last year's winners Zambia. The Chipolopolo needed a win in their final match to progress but could only manage a 0-0 draw as they became the first defending champions to exit at the group stages since Algeria in 1992.

The Algerians were another team that flattered to deceive on the big stage. Having entered the tournament as the second ranked team in Africa they suffered successive losses before their showdown with Ivory Coast.

The Ivoirians have looked a class apart so far as they look to put years of disappointment behind them. Yaya Toure has been in sparkling form with his commanding displays in the middle of the park seemingly coming at the expense of Manchester City's title challenge.

This weekend brings with it the quarter-finals and there are some interesting times ahead.

Hosts Bafana Bafana will return to Durban as they face Mali for a place in the semi-finals.

Having been given a pre-tournament objective of reaching the semi-finals, coach Gordon Igesund is well on his way to achieving that goal and will be confident that his side can see off the Malians on Saturday.

Elsewhere, perennial challengers Ghana will face the tiny island Cape Verde who have defied all expectations by making it this far.

The headline of the quarter-final line up is the meeting of West African giants Ivory Coast and Nigeria.

The Nigerians are growing into the tournament but a meeting with Cote d'Ivoire may come too soon for the Super Eagles.

The other quarter-final sees an Emmanuel Adebayor led Togo take on Burkina Faso as the West Africans look to make history by making it through to the final four.

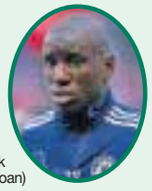
The tournament seems set for some great knockout matches and hopefully Bafana Bafana can make it through and keep the carnival atmosphere bubbling

Premiership Spotlight

TRANSFER WINDOW Ins and outs

ARSENAL
Ins: Nacho Monreal (Malaga, undisclosed)
Outs: Marouane Chamakh (West Ham, loan), Johan Djourou (Hannover, loan), Emmanuel Frimpong (Fulham, loan), Chuks Aneke (Crewe, Loan)

ASTON VILLA
Ins: Yacouba Sylla (Clermont, undisclosed), Simon Dawkins (Tottenham, loan)
Outs: Alan Hutton (Real Mallorca, loan), Stephen Warnock (Leeds, undisclosed)

CHELSEA

Ins: Demba Ba (Newcastle, undisclosed) – pictured.
Outs: Daniel Sturridge (Liverpool, undisclosed), Todd Kane (Blackburn, loan), Lucas Piazon (Malaga, loan), Patrick Bamford (MK Dons, loan)

EVERTON
Ins: John Stones (Barnsley, undisclosed)
Outs: Ross Barkley (Leeds, loan), Anton Forrester (Blackburn, free), Magaye Gueye (Brest, loan)

FULHAM
Ins: Chris David (FC Twente, undisclosed), Emmanuel Frimpong (Arsenal, loan), Urby Emanuelson (AC Milan, loan), Stanislav Manolev (PSV Eindhoven, loan), Eyong Enoh (Ajax, loan)
Outs: Stephen Kelly (Reading, undisclosed), David Stockdale (Hull, loan)

LIVERPOOL
Ins: Daniel Sturridge (Chelsea, undisclosed), Philippe Coutinho (Inter Milan, £8.5million)
Outs: Adam Morgan (Rotherham, loan) Joe Cole (West Ham, free) Nuri Sahin (Real Madrid to Dortmund, loan, after loan at Liverpool), Danny Wilson (Hearts, loan), Michael Ngoo (Hearts, loan), Daniel Pacheco (Huesca, loan), Alexander Doni (Botafogo, free)

MANCHESTER CITY
Ins: Godsway Donyoh (unattached)
Outs: Alex Nimely (Crystal Palace, loan), Omar Elabdellaoui (Eintracht Braunschweig, loan), Luca Scapuzzi (Varese, loan), Reece Wabara (Blackpool, loan), Jeremy Helan (Sheffield Wednesday, loan), Mario Balotelli (AC Milan, undisclosed), Godsway Donyoh (Djurgarden, loan)

MANCHESTER UNITED
Ins: Wilfried Zaha (Crystal Palace, undisclosed)
Outs: Bebe (Rio Ave, loan), Josh King (Blackburn, undisclosed), Angelo Henriquez (Wigan, loan), Robbie Brady (Hull, undisclosed), Scott Wootton (Peterborough, loan), Davide Petrucci (Peterborough, loan), Luke McCullough (Cheltenham, loan), Federico Macheda (Stuttgart, loan), Wilfried Zaha (Crystal Palace, loan - pictured)



NEWCASTLE
Ins: Mathieu Debuchy (Lille, undisclosed), Mapou Yanga-Mbiwa (Montpellier, undisclosed), Yoan Gouffran (Bordeaux, undisclosed), Massadio Haidara (Nancy, undisclosed), Moussa Sissoko (undisclosed), Kevin Mbabu (Servette, undisclosed)
Outs: Conor Newton (St Mirren, loan), Demba Ba (Chelsea, undisclosed), Xisco (released), Paul Dummett (St Mirren, loan)

NORWICH
Ins: Kei Kamara (Sporting Kansas City, loan, subject to immigration clearance), Luciano Becchio (Leeds, undisclosed plus Steve Morison), Lee Camp (Nottingham Forest, free)
Outs: Elliott Ward (Nottingham Forest, loan), Jacob Butterfield (Crystal Palace, loan), Steve Morison (Leeds, swap), Declan Rudd (Preston, loan), Simon Lappin (Cardiff, free).

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WHEEL HARRY

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WHERE would the Premier League January transfer window be without Harry Redknapp?

The man is seemingly made for the hectic, panic-buying wheeling and dealing weeks which always greet the arrival of a new year.

Is your club in top flight trouble?

Then bring in Redknapp sometime in late autumn and wait for the clock to strike midnight on December 31.

Then he's off!

That appears to have been a familiar scene at clubs in the south of England since the January window was introduced in 2003.

On four occasions Redknapp has needed to wheel and deal in the transfer market in a bid to improve his new club's fortunes.

Here, *The Sports Pink* looks back at his previous busy window spending sprees.

January 2005

In charge at Saints less than a month by the time the January window opened.

Within four days he'd made his first signing – his son, Jamie, from Tottenham.

Nigel Quashie, for £2.1m, and Olivier Bernard, for £400,000, followed as well as two loan signings, striker Henri Camara and defender Callum Davenport.

Redknapp usually does business with clubs or agents he knows well, and this was no different.

Camara's agent was Willie McKay, a friend of Redknapp's, while Davenport was brought in from West Ham, where he was a trainee during Redknapp's time in charge at Upton Park

Sadly, it was all to no avail as Saints went down at the end of the season, Redknapp's only relegation in three decades as a manager.



SO GOOD: Redknapp brought in Jermaine Defoe – twice.

January 2006

Within 12 days of the January window opening, Redknapp had spent over £10m as he announced his controversial return to Portsmouth with a flurry of signings.

Striker Benjani arrived from Auxerre for £4m, at the time Pompey's record signing and another Willie McKay client, before three players arrived in one deal from Tottenham – Pedro Mendes, Sean Davis and Noe Paramot.

The signing spree certainly worked, as Pompey stayed up.

January 2008

Redknapp splashed £13m more of Portsmouth's money on two players – striker Jermaine Defoe (£7.5m) and midfielder Lassana Diarra (£5.5m) from Tottenham and Arsenal respectively.

January 2009

For the second window running, Redknapp signed Defoe.

This time, though, he returned to Fratton Park to sign him for Tottenham for around £15m – earning Pompey a healthy profit on the striker.

In all, Redknapp spent around £40m in his first transfer window at White Hart Lane.

Wilson Palacios cost £12m from Wigan, and the same amount was splashed on Robbie Keane from Liverpool.

In a busy window even by Redknapp standards, he also signed keeper Carlo Cudicini from Chelsea and Sunderland defender Pascal Chimbonda.

January 2011

A quiet window by anyone's standards, let alone Redknapp's, with Steven Pienaar his only major signing at £3m from Everton.

January 2012

Not too much to report 12 months ago either.

Iago Falque was signed from Juventus, and immediately loaned out to Saints where he was to make just one highly forgettable appearance.

Striker Louis Saha was also signed on a free from Everton.

January 2013

After a few quiet Januarys, Redknapp returned to form with a vengeance last month.

Over £20m was splashed on just two players, with former Blackburn defender Chris Samba arriving for a club record £12.5m.

That is a lot of money for a club like QPR, whose average attendances are under 20,000.

Redknapp had previously persuaded chairman Tony Fernandes to spend £8m on Marseille striker Lioc Remy, while an undisclosed fee brought Korean defender Yun Suk-Young to the heat of a Premier League relegation battle.

Then, with just minutes to go, he announced the arrivals of two of his former Tottenham players, Jermaine Jenas and Andros Townsend.

Samba is apparently commanding a salary of £100,000 a week – and some of the others won't have come cheap either – but if those players help Rangers beat the drop then no doubt Fernandes will consider it money well spent.

But if they don't ...

I only hope for QPR's sake that Fernandes never wants all his money back, as he has delved deeply into his personal fortune to bankroll Rangers in the last 12 months.

The club have spent an awful amount of money to possess, as I write, the worst squad in the Premier League.

If it all ends in tears and relegation, then QPR will easily boast the most expensive squad in Championship history.

Redknapp's reputation among Saints fans will always be low, but if he keeps the Hoops in the top flight it will be a remarkable performance given how poor the club were prior to his arrival.

When he took over, in the aftermath of Saints' 3-1 win at Loftus Road back on November 18, Rangers were seven points adrift of safety.

They had only banked four points in as many months.

After two wins in 11 games under Redknapp, they entered this weekend five points from safety and still favourites for the drop.

Due to Redknapp's spending, the clubs immediately above them will be looking over their shoulders.

Aston Villa look in freefall and didn't really strengthen much during January.

It could be argued they needed new players more than anyone given their recent results.

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ON!

The arrivals of virtual unknowns Yacouba Sylla (from Clermont) and Simon Dawkins (from Tottenham, loan) won't have done too much to cheer up the fans.

Dumped out of both major cups by lower division opponents, and then beaten 2-1 at home by fellow bottom six club Newcastle, Villa have had a truly miserable time.

Chairman Randy Lerner appears satisfied that his club continue down the path of giving young players signed from lower division clubs a chance.

It is a policy worth applauding, but not – surely? – if it contributes to the club's first top flight relegation since 1987.



TRANSFER WINDOW Ins and outs

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QPR
Ins: Tal Ben Haim (unattached), Loic Remy (Marseille, undisclosed), Yun Suk-young (Chunnam Dragons, undisclosed), Christopher Samba (Anzhi, undisclosed), Andros Townsend (Tottenham, loan), Jermaine Jenas (Tottenham, undisclosed)
Outs: Michael Harriman (Wycombe, loan), Kieron Dyer (released), Djibril Cisse (Al Gharafa, loan) – pictured, Anton Ferdinand (Bursaspor, loan), Rob Hulse (Millwall, loan), Tom Hitchcock (Bristol Rovers, loan), Jordan Gibbons (Inverness CT, loan), Michael Doughty (St Johnstone, loan), Alejandro Faurlin (Palermo, loan), Ryan Nelsen (Toronto FC, undisclosed)



READING
Ins: Daniel Carrico (Sporting Lisbon, undisclosed), Hope Akpan (Crawley, undisclosed), Stephen Kelly (Fulham, undisclosed), Nick Blackman (Sheffield United, undisclosed)
Outs: Dominic Samuel (Colchester, loan), Jordan Obita (Oldham, loan), Michael Hector (Cheltenham, loan)

SAINTS
Ins: Vegard Forren (Molde, undisclosed)
Outs: Sam Hoskins (Stevenage, loan), Ryan Dickson (Bradford, loan), Danny Seaborne (Bournemouth, loan), Jonathan Forte (Sheffield United, loan), Ben Reeves (Southend, loan), Steve De Ridder (Bolton, loan), Lee Barnard (Oldham, loan)

STOKE
Ins: Brek Shea (FC Dallas, £2.5million), Jack Butland (Birmingham, undisclosed)
Outs: Danny Higginbotham (Sheffield United, free), Michael Tonge (Leeds, undisclosed), Maurice Edu (Bursaspor, loan), Rory Delap (Barnsley, loan), Jack Butland (Birmingham, loan), Matthew Upson (Brighton, loan)

SUNDERLAND
Ins: Alfred N'Diaye (Bursaspor, undisclosed), Kader Mangane (Al Hilal, loan), Danny Graham (Swansea, £5million)
Outs: Ji Dong-won (Augsburg, loan), David Meyler (Hull, undisclosed), Blair Adams (Coventry, undisclosed), Fraizer Campbell (Cardiff, undisclosed), Johnny Maddison (Crawley, loan), Louis Saha (released), Ahmed Elmohamady (Hull, loan)

SWANSEA
Ins: Roland Lamah (Osasuna, loan)
Outs: Leroy Lita (Sheffield Wednesday, loan), Jazz Richards (Crystal Palace, loan), Danny Graham (Sunderland, £5million) pictured, Curtis Obeng (York, loan)

TOTTENHAM
Ins: Zeki Fryers (Standard Liege, £3million), Lewis Holtby (Schalke, £1.5million)
Outs: Souleymane Coulibaly (Grosseto, loan), Carlo Cudicini (Los Angeles Galaxy, free), Iago Falque (Almeria, loan), Adam Smith (Millwall, loan), Heurelho Gomes (Hoffenheim, loan), Alex Pritchard (Peterborough, loan), Ryan Mason (Lorient, loan), Andros Townsend (QPR, loan), Jermaine Jenas (QPR, undisclosed), Simon Dawkins (Aston Villa, loan)



WEST BROM
Ins:
Outs: Chris Wood (Leicester, undisclosed), Gonzalo Jara (Nottingham Forest, loan), Sam Mantom (Walsall, undisclosed), Craig Dawson (Bolton, loan), Yassine El Ghanassy (Heerenveen, loan)

WEST HAM
Ins: Joe Cole (Liverpool, free), Sean Maguire (Waterford, undisclosed), Marouane Chamakh (Arsenal, loan), Wellington Paulista (Cruzeiro, loan), Emanuel Pogatetz (Wolfsburg, loan)
Outs: Alou Diarra (Rennes, loan), Stephen Henderson (Ipswich, loan)

WIGAN
Ins: Angelo Henriquez (Manchester United, loan), Roger Espinoza (Sporting Kansas City, undisclosed), Joel Robles (Atletico Madrid, loan), Paul Scharner (Hamburg, loan)
Outs: Rob Kiernan (Brentford, loan), Mauro Boselli (Palermo, loan)

Saints Spotlight



BOOK of the WEEK

Shot and a Ghost
A year in the brutal world of professional squash
By James Willstrop

Sportsbookofthemonth.com price: £8.99, saving 10% on rrp

IT'S no surprise that virtually all sporting autobiographies are ghost-written. Why wouldn't they be? Sportsmen and women are usually busy enough without having to discipline themselves to researching, planning and then writing perhaps more than 100,000 words of readable prose.

James Willstrop is different. He's a name many readers may not have heard of in a sporting (or any other) context, yet for all but four weeks last year, he was officially the world's number one squash player, a status he reluctantly relinquished in early January.

You get a sense of the type of determined guy Willstrop is when you read his book's introduction.

"If [the book] were to be written in my name," he declares, "then I wanted to write it myself. Today's bookshelves are rife with prematurely written autobiographies about the rich and famous. As I am neither, my motives for writing a book are rather different."



It's an opening which, though it may strike some people as being a little haughty, tends also to create an immediate bond between author and reader.

In fact, Willstrop strengthens that bond and removes any elevated sense of himself altogether when he writes, "I was quite sure that people wouldn't want to read about my formative years frolicking around naked in a paddling pool. Instead, I resolved to limit the content to the topics I felt would really interest people. What it feels like to play in a World Open final, the pain of a hard training session or a response to the loss of a special person."

Although the author suggests he prefers to limit the book's content, the fact is that because squash *is* his life, *Shot and a Ghost* proves to be one of the most brutally honest sporting autobiographies ever written.

Amateur squash is a fierce, vicious game, yet once players graduate to the professional ranks, it becomes even more ruthless, its finest exponents studies in single-mindedness.

But before he captured the world number one slot, Willstrop was, ironically, considered to be too nice. How could a poetry-loving vegetarian who loved musicals hope to succeed amongst the rarefied air of pro squash? This fascinating account reveals how he did it. Brilliant.

Quiz question:

We've teamed up with Sports Book of the Month & have a copy of *Shot and a Ghost* to give away.

To win this week's sports book, go to their website (*www.sportsbookofthemonth.com*) and answer the following question:

Who is the current world number one male squash player?

MORAN MAGIC JUST



HAT-TRICK HERO: Steve Moran, above and right, scores two of his three first half goals against Manchester City at The Dell in 1983.

HE scored a few famous goals for Saints in his career.

Steve Moran netted 99 of them, in fact.

All Saints fans who can remember the 1980s will recall his most famous one – the late FA Cup winner at Fratton Park in January 1984.

A few years earlier, in November 1981, Moran had netted another memorable away winner, at Anfield.

But who recalls his first Saints goal, with his first touch in a Football League game just seconds after coming on as a late substitute.

That came on January 19, 1980, against next weekend's Premier League visitors Manchester City.

Moran's late debut strike sealed a 4-1 victory for Lawrie McMenemy's men.

It was another success for the Saints manager over a team managed by Malcolm Allison, following on from Saints' 1976 FA Cup semi final win over Allison's Crystal Palace at Stamford Bridge.

Saints had gone ahead early on through Mick Channon, scoring against the team he had left Saints for in 1977, only to return to The Dell two years later.

Alan Ball made it 2-0 and, after Paul Power had replied, Dave Watson became the second former Manchester City player to score for Saints, the centre half on target with a header.

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Then came Moran's first of what proved to be 99 career league and cup goals for Saints.

The following August Allison and City were back at The Dell for the first game of the 1980/81 season.

The world's media focus was on the game as McMenemy gave two men their competitive de buts for the club.

Not many eyes, though, were on defender George McCartney, a close season signing from Third Division Carlisle United.

Instead, the cameras were trained on a chap called Kevin Keegan, the reigning European Footballer of the Year and who remains Saints' most remarkable signing ... and probably always will unless Mauricio Pochettino can persuade his fellow Argentinian Lionel Messi to decamp to St Mary's.

Keegan, though, failed to mark his debut with a goal as Saints ran out 2-0 winners.

It was Channon who again came back to haunt Allison, the man who had sold him at Maine Road, by scoring both goals.

The Dell was to prove to be a very unhappy hunting ground for Manchester City throughout the 1980s.

City were also beaten 2-1 in November 1982, 4-1 in March 1983, 3-0 in September 1985 and 2-1 in December 1989.

The only time the club

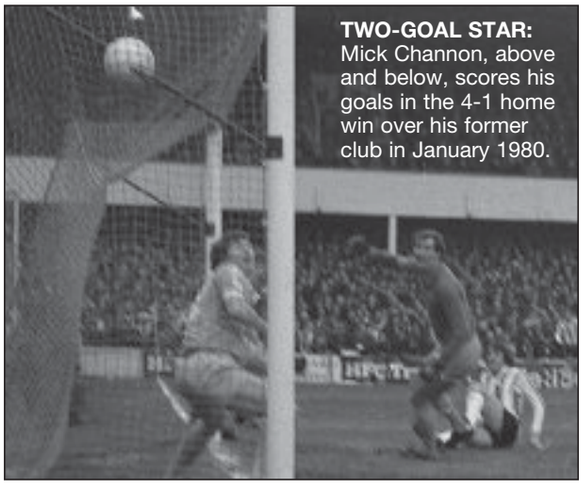
Saints Spotlight



WHAT SAINTS NEED!







TWO-GOAL STAR: Mick Channon, above and below, scores his goals in the 4-1 home win over his former club in January 1980.



DEBUT: Kevin Keegan, right, makes his Saints debut in 1980.

failed to avoid losing was a 1-1 draw in November 1986.

Eagle-eyed readers will see that City failed to appear at The Dell in every season in the 80s.

That was because Manchester City were nowhere near the force they are today.

The club were relegated in 1982/83 – after losing at home to Luton Town on the last day of the season – and also in 1986/87.

Another Moran milestone came in the March 1983 victory over City.

On that occasion he celebrated scoring his first hat-trick for Saints.

All four of Saints' goals came in the first half, with Ian Baird also on target.

Manchester Ciy's more recent league record at Saints, however, is very good.

They have only lost one of their last nine visits, Brett Ormerod scoring both goals in a 2-0 victory in October 2002.

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Sports Quiz

1. Who holds the title of the most expensive British footballer in history?
2. Nicola Adams made history in the Olympics this summer. How?
3. Which current footballer holds the joint record for the most red cards in Premier League history, and with which two former players?
4. Who was the first overseas player to play cricket for Yorkshire?
5. How many Grand Slams has Roger Federer – pictured – won?



6. Who is the only boxer to have held three world championships at different weights at the same time?
7. Swansea winger Wayne Routledge began his career with which club in 2001?
8. What is the only grand slam world number one Novak Djokovic has not won?
9. Who holds the record for the most wins on golf's European Tour?
10. The New England Patriots have won how many Super Bowl Championships in this century?
11. Tom Ince made his league debut with which club?
12. Kimi Raikkonen won the Formula One drivers' championship title in which year?
13. What is the name of Bradford Bulls' home ground?
14. Which NBA side play their home matches at The Palace of Auburn Hills?



15. To date, how many Lions caps has Brian O'Driscoll – pictured – won?
16. Who has the most PGA Tour victories of all time?
17. Devon Alexander, Kell Brook's opponent next month for the IBF welterweight title, suffered his only professional defeat against whom in January 2011?
18. This year's Australian Open women's singles runner-up Li Na won which grand slam - her only one to date - in 2011?
19. Titus Bramble moved to Sunderland from which rival Premier League team?
20. James Tredwell plays for which county?

ANSWERS

1. Andy Carroll; 2. She became the first woman to win a boxing gold medal at the Olympics; 3. Richard Dunne, with Patrick Viera and Duncan Fergusson; 4. Sachin Tendulkar; 5. 17; 6. Henry Armstrong; 7. Crystal Palace; 8. French Open; 9. Seve Ballesteros (50); 10. Three (2001, 2003 and 2004); 11. Notts County; 12 2007; 13 Provident Stadium; 14 Detroit Pistons; 15 Six; 16 Sam Snead (82); 17. Tim Bradley; 18. French Open; 19. Wigan; 20.5 Kent.

Youth Football

POOLE PARTY

Junior Dolphins win shoot-out to reach last eight of English Schools Trophy

POOLE & East Dorset are through to the English Schools Under-15 Trophy quarter-finals after a dramatic penalty shoot-out victory over Swansea at Canford Park this week.

The sides shared the spoils in a riveting 4-4 draw after extra-time, but Poole kept their cool from the spot, scoring all five penalty kicks to beat the Welshmen 5-3 in a dramatic finale, ***writes MIKE VIMPANY***.

As 16 goals in three games leading up to the Swansea tie would suggest, Poole are good value on the eye – and once again they didn't disappoint.

They attack with flair and defend with uncertainty – an ideal ingredient for a spot of excitement!

Swansea, who knocked the junior Dolphins out of the national competition last season, applied heavy early pressure but, having weathered the initial storm, Poole began to dominate.

A well worked move down the left saw little Keelan O'Connell pick up Sam Surridge, whose fierce cross-shot put Poole in front.

Poole had several opportunities to double their lead after that – O'Connell, Surridge and Ryan Kelly all missing the target – but midway through the opening period Matt Neale played in Kelly, who turned the Swansea central defenders before calmly slotting the ball under the Swansea goalkeeper to make it 2-0.

Two goal leads can notoriously be 'uncertain' and almost from the restart Swansea replied through Aaron Lewis, from the penalty spot.

Back came Poole, with Ryan Kelly, Frankie White and again Surridge wasting good opportunities to give Poole more of a half-time cushion.

Poole surrendered their advantage soon after the break – Lewis doubling his account after goalkeeper Tom Storey was unable to hold a low shot.

The superb Canford Park Sports Astroturf – a state-of-the-art FIFA recommended 2-Star surface – was ideal for the respective teams to ply their skills and, with attack the preferred option, more goals were to follow.

Poole's approach work was eye catching but, frustratingly, some skilful play was too often wasted by an errant final ball and hasty shooting.

After Ashley Harris had bungled a great chance for Swansea, Poole got their noses back in front – Frankie White cutting in to score a well taken opportunist goal and make it 3-2.

But if Poole thought White's goal was a winner, they were mistaken.

Not long before the end, Storey spilled Harris's shot and Swansea were level – 3-3 – and the tie was headed into overtime!

It was absorbing stuff – but the surface, coupled with lack of match fitness due to the recent bad weather, was taking its toll on the players, many of whom were suffering from cramp.

Extra-time was only minutes old when Harris went through again only to miss the target.

His miss proved costly. Within a minute Poole were back in front – with the best goal of the lot!

Ben White scored it – a Beckhamesque lob from almost 50 yards from towards the right-hand touchline, which caught the Swansea goalkeeper off his line.

David Beckham himself would have been proud of it – never mind Ben White!

There was no sign of any Swansea delaying tactics – there wasn't a ball boy in sight! – as the Welshmen strove to save the day.

Storey atoned for his earlier slips with a superb save at the feet of Swansea's Craig Morgan but minutes later was left high and dry as Joe Roden pounced on a Poole defensive slip to salvage the tie at 4-4 and set up a penalty shoot-out finale.

It was the third time in the game Poole had allowed the lead to slip – but when it came to penalties they were spot on!

Ben White, Matt Neale, Ryan Kelly, Sam Surridge and Curtis Young tucked their spot kicks away with aplomb, whereas two-goal Aaron Lewis rolled Swansea's second penalty wide of Gerrard Benfield's left-hand post – the substitute goalkeeper having replaced Storey between the sticks.

Relieved Poole & East Dorset coach Steve Llewelyn said: "I am really really pleased for the lads.

"I said at half-time that we wouldn't want our missed chances to come back and haunt us and they very nearly did.

"But all credit to the boys, each time Swansea levelled we got a grip back on the game and played some decent attacking football to create a number of openings.

"Although it is disappointing to concede a couple of sloppy goals at key times, we showed great character and spirit and as usual the high tempo football we played in the attacking third was excellent."

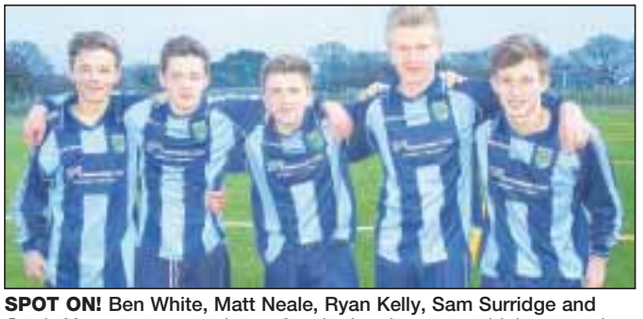
It is the second time Poole & East Dorset have reached the last eight in recent seasons – Saints starlet Ben Reeves, who has just gone out on loan to Southend United, was in their 2007 ESFA Cup final side – no mean feat for a relatively small association ...





ABOVE: Poole & East Dorset's Frankie White, right, goes on the attack.

LEFT: Poole & East Dorset celebrate after their third goal, scored by Frankie White.



SPOT ON! Ben White, Matt Neale, Ryan Kelly, Sam Surridge and Curtis Young were penalty perfect in the shoot-out which secured Poole & East Dorset's ESFA quarter-final place.

Shoot-out heartbreak

POOLE & East Dorset are Wembley bound in the English Schools Under 15 Trophy quarter-finals.

They will play Brent, who knocked out Southampton boys in another dramatic penalty shoot-out finale at Wide Lane today.

The sides drew 2-2 after extra time – but after both sides had put away their first four penalties, Brent won 5-3 when the shoot-out went to sudden death.

Brent took an early lead through HANNAD NUR – an advantage they held on to, having enjoyed the advantage of the wind in the first half.

Southampton equalised when CHRIST NGOULOU forced the ball home after Mitch Hunt had headed on Ben Hull's right-hand corner.

But Brent's response was immediate – COURTNEY AUSTIN bursting through to restore the visitors' lead.

Southampton were handicapped by injuries and unavailabilities, but got themselves back into the contest immediately after the break.

Hunt's free kick to the far post was hooked back and the influential MATT WORTHINGTON fired Southampton level.

It became stalemate after that, with Southampton coping with Brent's long ball tactics but lacking the conviction to cause much in the way of a threat themselves.

When the tie went into extra time Steve Jenman forced a save from an unassertive Brent goalkeeper and Hunt smacked a header against the bar.

Southampton's prospects of a last eight place hinged on the penalty shoot-out lottery.

Their prospects looked good when the first four kicks were converted – but Brent were equally effective with some precision conversions.

But Southampton's last two penalties failed to hit the target and Brent potted a fifth spot kick to clinch their quarter-final date with Poole.

Hounsdown's big cup test

HOUNSDOWN'S successful Year 7 youngsters have a huge cup date on Tuesday.

The goal happy team is set to host Devon-based Ivybridge in round six of the ESFA Danone Nations Cup at their Jacobs Gutter Lane school pitch in Totton (1pm).

Hounsdown have so far rattled in 21 goals in beating St George's 5-0, Kennett 4-1, Regis (West Sussex) 5-0, and Broadstone 7-0.

With Ivybridge traditionally a strong West Country soccer school, Hounsdown can expect it tougher going this time ...

Prize for victory is a seventh round home tie against St Clement Dane School, from Watford.

Adam Rant



This week's big talking points with **Adam Leitch**



Harry's chance to do what he does best...

THEY say money can't buy success but we will find out in the next few months whether or not it can buy survival.

Transfer deadline was, as per usual, a quiet and fairly dull day.

It is hyped to quite remarkable proportions by Sky Sports News, who do an admirable job of attempting to keep things lively, despite the fact that for the majority of the day they are reporting on nothing really happening.

What whoops of joy there must have been when Peter Odemwingie turned up uninvited and unannounced at Loftus Road.

To be honest, that and the George Boyd affair were pretty much the biggest stories of the day as it turned out, and they were both transfers that didn't happen rather than did.

Of the major news we already knew about moves for David Beckham and Mario Balotelli before January 31 dawned.

As expected the major wheelers and dealers were Harry Redknapp's QPR.

Anybody who has seen them play this season will surely conclude that there was little choice but for Rangers to get very active in the transfer market if they were to stand any chance of survival.

Adam Rant has to confess, however, that he still thinks they are a player short of seriously mounting a sustained survival challenge.

Famous last words perhaps, but one of their biggest problems is up front and this window they have signed only one striker.



Christopher Samba, pictured, is a top defender so that's a real plus for them, Jeremaine Jenas and Andros Townsend will add creative options, but goalscoring will still be a huge problem.

Had Odemwingie actually signed then they might well have stood a fighting chance if Redknapp could pull them all together as a group quickly enough.

Also if the mooted Peter Crouch deal had gone through.

As it is though they have spent a lot of money on wages and signing on fees surely beyond mere transfer fees but still look a tad short.

They have thrown sheds loads of cash at staying up this season, but it still doesn't look as if it will be enough.

Redknapp does have them moving in the right direction but they are still stranded at the bottom of the table.

They have won just two Premier League games all season heading into this weekend's fixtures and to turn that around from where they are in just 14 games is asking a lot.

It's asking even more when you are struggling for goalscorers. If anyone can do it then Redknapp probably can, but this one looks a stretch too far.

QPR might just have fallen into a little trap – they have spent too much to go down but not enough to stay up.

Player power cuts no ice at West Brom...

WEST Brom have struck a blow for standing up to player power with their refusal to sell Peter Odemwingie in January.

The Baggies appeared hugely reluctant to sell the striker, pictured below, from the moment that QPR's interest became known.

For whatever reason the player himself made it quite clear that he wanted the move to happen and, as the window started to draw towards a close, he really tried to push for it.



It all culminated on deadline day in Odemwingie showing up at QPR, who at least had the good sense not to let him in the front door with the clubs having failed to agree a fee.

It seems clear that Odemwingie felt that he could force through this move through his own actions. Whether that was his idea or the advice he was getting is pretty much irrelevant.

What is for certain is that the majority of clubs normally cave in to player power.

They normally go along the lines of 'you can't keep an unhappy player,' assuming that the man in question will no longer perform if he stays and accept that it's better to do a deal and take the cash for them.

There was none of that with West Brom.

How Odemwingie will react to all of this will be fascinating. How he will integrate with his teammates again also.

Perhaps the success or otherwise of West Brom's actions will determine whether other clubs will follow a similar pattern in the future.

Novak shows he belongs at the top table

NOVAK Djokovic is quickly moving towards being considered as one of the all time tennis greats.

In what is probably the finest era of men's tennis, where two undisputed kings of the court already play in the shape of Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal, to have another is quite remarkable.

But Djokovic, pictured below, merits his place in that pantheon after picking up his sixth Grandslam at the Australian Open.

There is so much to admire about him and the way he has matured so quickly from talented but brittle and petulant youngster into a truly thoroughbred champion.



One of the most incredible things to watch in the world of spot is some of his defence, stretching to reach seemingly unreachable shots.

And the power he gets into some of those backhands when he is virtually doing the splits is quite remarkable.

As for Andy Murray, well, in another era, his talent might have seen him in that top bracket.

But, with five defeats from six Grandslam finals, he is quickly moving towards being considered as one of the all time greatest tennis nearly men.

He has the monkey off his back having got one in the bag but that final win percentage still must hurt.

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The jackpot for the following week will be £26,000 with £1,000 being added each week. The nearest miss prize will be £2,000 with £50 added each week until the jackpot prize reaches £50,000.

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Non-league Action



Eastleigh's away woes continue with Sutton loss

EASTLEIGH'S poor away form continued as they were beaten 2-1 by Sutton.

Eastleigh brought in recently signed goalkeeper Ross Flitney at the expense of Jack Dovey, the only change to the starting line-up. Early on James Folks had a shot blocked for the home team Marvin Williams then put in a cross that no one could get a decisive touch to.

Eastleigh fell behind in the 41st minute when a penalty was awarded for handball and it was converted by Sam Rents. Eastleigh went close a couple of time in the latter stages of the half, especially with one header from Chris Todd following a corner.

During the second-half they forced Sutton to defend deeply for long periods but they could not get the decisive breakthrough although Dale Binns had one header tipped over the bar and came close with another effort having come on as substitute.

Eastleigh also had a strong penalty appeal turned down. Sutton made it 2-0 eight minutes from time when Craig Dundas converted a corner.

Shortly afterwards James Stuart received a second yellow card and earlier Eastleigh manager Richard Hill had been sent to the stands.

In added on time Damian Scannell scored a consolation goal for Eastleigh but it was too late to rescue a point.

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AFC TOTTON maintained their impressive home form with a 2-0 Southern Premier win over neighbours Bashley this afternoon.

Goals by Richard Gillespie and Jono Davies made it six home league victories on the bounce for the Stags, who completed a seasosn double over manager Steve Riley's old club.

The home crowd gave a warm welcome to fans' favourite Stefan Brown, who is back at the club on a month's loan from Basingstoke Town.

And the returning hero couldn't have hoped for a better start as he teed-up Richard Gillespie to put Totton in front after just three minutes.

Brown delivered a tempting cross from the left and Gillespie – just back on his feet having been winded by a hefty challenge from Mark Gamble – planted a firm, close-range header beyond the reach of keeper Stuart Moore.

Bashley, playing their first game for four weeks, shook off their early rustiness with a strong spell of pressure and Gary Middleton wasn't far away with a header just over the bar.

Totton responded with a long-range Baily Cargill effort which comfortably cleared the bar and, at the other end, Stags keeper Gareth Barfoot dealt with a tricky Ian Oliver cross.

On 19 minutes Bash conceded a free-kick in a dangerous position when Tim Stephenson fouled Jono Davies. Ryan Hill's fiercely struck a free-kick rebounded back to him off the defensive wall and he blasted the follow-up wide.



ON THE BALL: Jonathan Davies leads an attack for Totton against Bashley.

Daily Echo pic by Paul Collins

On 26 minutes Bashley's Rob Gradwell tried his luck from 40 yards after Barfoot had strayed off his line, but the Stags keeper was quickly back across to gather.

Totton defender Ross Bottomley then sent a header over from Mike Gosney's corner before performing heroics at the other end to keep the visitors out.

Twice in quick succession Bottomley blocked shots from Middleton and when the ball fell to the Bash No. 5 for a third time Barfoot managed to deny him on the line.

With the New Forest outfit continuing to press, Barfoot did well to kick over ex-Stag Charlie Knight's inswinging corner at full stretch.

On 42 minutes Brown caught the ball crisply on the half volley just outside the area and his shot was deflected narrowly wide.

Totton looked in grave danger of surrendering their lead on 50 minutes when Barfoot fumbled a routine cross.

But he instantly redeemed himself with a good block from George Colson.

After absorbing more pressure the Stags broke in the 56th minute when Davies picked out Gillespie's run, but ex-Totton defender Ian Richardson denied his old teammate with a fine tackle on the edge of the area.

Apart from a scuffed shot by Jamie Whisken, which deflected into Moore's arms, Totton didn't threaten again until the 69th minute when Davies had a flicked header saved as he latched onto Gosney's free-kick from the right.

By then both sides had taken off their top scorers with James Stokoe replacing Gamble for Bashley and Totton's Luke Whitley going on for Gillespie.

Bash had a narrow escape when first Whitley and then Davies stabbed the ball goalwards following Gosney's corner, but it eventually went harmlessly wide.

But the visitors were not so fortunate on 79 minutes as Totton doubled their lead with a sublime finish from Davies.

Gosney again delivered a flag-kick from the right which Bash could only clear to the edge of the area. And there was Davies leaning back and catching it on the volley which thundered past the helpless Moore.

With two minutes of normal time remaining Gosney sent a well struck free-kick just wide.

Bash substitute James Stokoe had the ball in the net in stoppage time but had already been flagged for offside.

Non-league News

Downton back into Wessex top spot

DOWNTON wasted no time returning to the top of the Sydenhams Premier pile last Saturday with a 3-0 home win over New Milton Town.

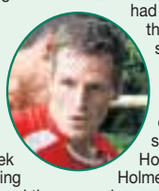
The Robins were recently rocked by news that they would have to replay two of the games they had won, against Alton and Christchurch, after being found guilty of fielding an ineligible player.

That meant them slipping to third in the standings behind Christchurch and Alresford Town.

But with Alresford out of action last week and Christchurch losing to Fareham, that cleared the way for the Robins to fly back to the summit thanks to two Declan McGregor goals and one from Vince Rusher.

It was not all plain sailing for Downton, though, as they played 75 minutes with ten men.

McGregor, pictured, was shown a straight red for an altercation in the aftermath of his second goal.



But Rusher still managed to extend Downton's lead with a superly taken free-kick and the Robins could even afford the luxury of a squandered second-half penalty. Craig Lewis's effort was saved after Danny Western had won the spot kick on his return to the club.

A troubling statistic for Downton is that they have had a man sent off in all three league games since the turn of the year.

Prior to McGregor's indiscretion, Ben Smith saw red against Horndean and Matt Holmes got his marching orders against Romsey Town.

"Their players were kicking Declan as he picked the ball out of the net and he says one punched him, so he punched him back," said Softley.

"I thought the referee should have sent off both of them or neither of them.

"Declan will be a big loss for us and we're running out of players."

Newport's perfect anniversary gift

NEWPORT IoW celebrated their 125th anniversary in style with a breathtaking FA Vase fightback at St George's Park last Saturday.

Despite the backing OF a 446 crowd, the Islanders' big day was in danger of falling flat when they trailed Yorkshire outfit Brighouse Town 1-0 with less than 15 minutes of their fourth round tie remaining.

But a 90-second smash-and-grab raid by Tom McInnes, pictured, turned the game on its head, setting Newport up with another home tie against either Borrowash Victoria or Ascot Town in the last 16 next Saturday.



Leading goalscorer McInnes, who struck the killer blows in the 73rd and 75th minutes, is proving to be Newport's lucky charm.

"He came off the bench to score two late goals when we beat Alresford 2-1 in our first Vase tie and scored again when we beat Ardley 4-1 last time out," said Port boss Steve Brougham.

But for all McInnes's heroics, it was evergreen goalkeeper Gary Streeter who took the man-of-the-match honours.

"Gary keeps saying this will be his last season, but he's been magnificent," said Brougham.

"He had a steely look in his eye and I knew before kick-off he'd be a star for us – and he was."

Had it not been for Streeter's show of defiance, the Islanders would have been trailing by more than just an Ernest Boafo goal at half-time.

"We knew we hadn't done ourselves justice in the first half," said Brougham.

"And we knew that if we proceeded to play like that, we'd go out of the Vase with a whimper and put a real damper on a celebratory day in our history.

"I sensed we were getting into the game a little just before Tom scored his goals.

"It was hard work on a gruelling, energy-sapping, heavy surface and to pull it off at the end was just brilliant.

"The changing room right now is an amazing place to be.

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Solent stunner

SYDENHAMS One promotion chasers Team Solent have been dealt a double frontline blow.

The Southampton Solent University side have lost top scorer Declan Edwards along with fellow frontman Manny Soetan, pictured.

Edwards, scorer of 14 goals in 16 Wessex appearances, has joined title rivals Brockenhurst.



And former AFC Totton player Soetan has returned for a second stint with ambitious Sydenhams One outfit Blackfield & Langley.

Team Solent boss Dominic Cunliffe said: "I would like to personally thank both Dec and Manny for their part in our success and wish them every success in the future."

Town run over

GARETH Horner has celebrated his first win in charge of Amesbury Town.

The Blues beat Fleet Spurs 1-0 at Bonnymead Park last Saturday thanks to a cool 52nd-minute finish by Nathan Barnett.

It was their first victory in 11 league games – a barren run stretching back to early October – and lifted them three points clear of Sydenhams One basement boys Hythe & Dibden.

"It has been coming," beamed Horner. "We had four of five chances to their one and the win has given us a lift.

"We don't keep many clean sheets, so that was nice as well."

Amesbury are seeking a reserve team manager for next season. Contact chairman Jason Cameron at *jasoncameron16@hotmail.com*

Ex-Saints at Inn

WINCHESTER City are hosting an evening with two ex-Saints favourites on Thursday, March 14 at Winchester's Holiday Inn.



The two men in question are Matt Le Tissier, right, and Mark Dennis.

Tickets are £45 and the evening includes a three-course meal, a comedian, race night and auction. If you are interested or want to find out more, contact Paul McCarthy (07867 808767) or Bernie McCarthy (07884 225611)

Couch on move

FORMER AFC Totton attacker Aaron Couch has left Burnham and signed for Evo-Stik Southern One Central neighbours Beaconsfield SYCOB.

The well-travelled striker/winger – once a trialist with QPR – joined Totton in the 2009/10 season, but it proved an unhappy experience. He started just 12 games before rejoining his former club Marlow.

Guthrie steps up to League 1

FORMER Sydenhams One starlet Jon Guthrie made his full Crewe Alexandra debut against AFC Bournemouth at Dean Court last Saturday.

The 20-year-old ex-Pewsey Vale defender played the full 90 minutes of the Railwaymen's 3-1 npower League One defeat and earned praise from his manager Steve Davis.

"Young Jon has come into the team and shown he can handle the level," said Davis.

"He had a steady game and I was pleased with him.

"He will know he should do better and clear the danger for their second goal, but he will only learn from this experience."

Guthrie, 19, made the switch from Pewsey to Crewe in February last year and was given his first appearance for the Railwaymen as a substitute against Swindon Town in October.

"I have developed a lot in the time I've been at Crewe," he said. "I've come on physically and technically. I needed to bulk up to be a defender at this level.

"I was a skinny bloke when I arrived, so they put me on a weight programme and that seems to be helping."

With Pewsey's game at Brockenhurst postponed on Saturday, Guthrie was not short of support in the Dean Court crowd.

"It wasn't just my family who came to watch," he said.

"I think most of my home village were there as well as my old chairman, manager and a few old teammates. I was a bit nervous before kick-off, but hopefully I showed I can slot in when the manager needs me.

"I could have done better with the second goal, but overall I was pleased."

Verwood boss blasts 'sluggish' stars

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FURIOUS Verwood Town boss Adie Arnold ripped into his players and questioned their fitness in the wake of last Saturday's poor performance at Romsey.

The Potters were beaten 1-0 by Danny Barker's fast improving side and looked distinctly rusty after three weeks without a game.

Pulling no punches in his post-match assessment, the long-serving Potterne Park chief said: "The lads looked sluggish around the pitch and were second best.

"I am looking for a response against New Milton (today) because I won't put up with performances like that. They were so lethargic.

"We were a yard off the pace all over the pitch.

"We locked the door for 20 minutes after the game and there were a few home truths. I know we have got quality and now it is up to the players."

The form of goalkeeper Chris Lynch was one of few plus points on a miserable afternoon for the Potters.

Another was a steady show by left-back Jake Long, making his first appearance since signing from Blackfield & Langley.

Verwood had also hoped to hand a debut to Long's striker brother, Ryan, but his signing from Romsey didn't go through in time for him to appear against his former club.

Potters coach Andy Darnton, who worked with both Long brothers at Romsey last term, admitted: "It was a disappointing defeat which opened our eyes about a few of our players.

"The boggy pitch was a great leveller, but we weren't at the races in the first half and our goalkeeper Chris Lynch kept us in it.

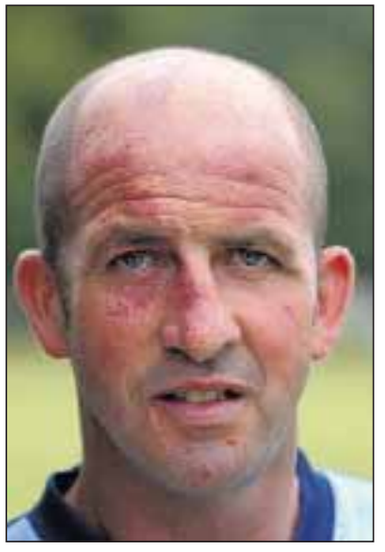


"We gave the players a rollicking at half-time and got a reaction, but we were caught cold by a long ball which split our centre-halves and their guy (Matt Austin) ran on and scored. It was a schoolboy error.

"Had Ryan Long been able to play, it might have been different. I'm sure he would have put some chances away.

"But fair play to Romsey, they showed the effort and commitment. They're quite a big side and they're well drilled on set plays.

"In the end it boiled down to who wanted it more. I think a few of our lads thought it would be easy and they went into it with the wrong attitude. It was really frustrating."



PLUS POINT: Left back Jake Long, left, was one of the steadier players for Verwood boss Adie Arnold, above.

Verwood have boosted their midweek strength by signing former Andover, Brockenhurst and Lyndhurst utility man Sam Floyd.

As general manager of a five-a-side soccer centre, Floyd cannot commit to Saturday games, but Darnton said: "Sam's got all the tools to play Southern League football minimum.

"He's 6ft 3in and can play centre-half or central midfield. He was a revelation when he played for Andy Leader and me up at Andover."

The Potters have also signed young striker Jack Lovell from Christchurch. Lovell's father – former Wimborne and Bashley hitman Jason – is already on their books and still making his presence felt in his 40s.

"Jason's legs have gone a bit but, to be fair to him, he can still put himself about for 45 minutes and be a threat," said Darnton.

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BEMERTON BELIEVE AN FA VASE DREAM

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CHAIRMAN Steve Slade does not rule out Bemerton Heath Harlequins springing a huge FA Vase upset.

If, as seems likely, hot favourites Spennymoor Town beat Kent visitors Lordswood in their delayed fourth tie today, it sets the Harlequins up with a daunting trip to County Durham next Saturday (February 9) in the last 16.

With the Moors seemingly spending money like it's going out of fashion, it's small wonder they have been installed as 7/4 favourites to lift the silverware at Wembley.

Their pedigree squad, already littered with former Football League and Conference players, was further strengthened last week when they signed 30-year-old former Hartlepool United striker Adam Boyd.

It's enough to have a modestly financed Sydenhams Wessex club quaking in their boots, but Slade need only cast his mind back a decade or so to know that miracles do happen.

It was during Slade's managerial days of 1998/99 that the Harlequins were drawn away to another hotly-fancied side. Goole AFC. in the East Riding of Yorkshire.

Against all the odds, it was Bemerton's underdogs who emerged victorious in front of a 592 crowd.

"Spennymoor away would be a daunting task, but it is possible," said Slade.

"A dozen years ago we were drawn away to Goole, who were the favourites at that stage of the competition.

"It was a very inhospitable place and they smashed the window of our coach – but we smashed their dreams of going to Wembley with a brilliant 1-0 victory!" he smiled.

"Luck was not on our side in the last 16 though. We were drawn away for the fourth round on the bounce against former finalists Clitheroe and lost 1-0.

"It was a very contentious 'did it or didn't it cross the line?' goal that put us out. The only bloke who thought it did was the referee and it was only his vote that counted. Sickening!

"But Clitheroe's 'reward' was to play Taunton in the semi-final and they got hammered 5-0 in the first leg and lost 8-4 on aggregate."

Thanks to last Saturday's dramatic 3-2 win over Sydenhams Premier rivals Blackfield & Langley, Harlequins are through to fifth round for the second time in their history.

Having gone 2-0 up through Jack Slade and Danny Young, they were pegged back by Dominic Allen and a late Ben'Yela Ngwa equaliser in the first of ten minutes' stoppage time.

But, just when it looked as if extra time was imminent, substitute Dan Bowman delivered a corner from the right, Slade flicked it on and Young gleefully blasted in his second of the afternoon.

"It's a fantastic result," beamed Bemerton boss Ian Chalk afterwards. "Defensively and tactically we were spot on and we deserved to win today.

"The game was exactly as I'd expected it to be with two decent Wessex sides really going for it.

"Both are open sides who like to go forward rather than defend.

"But, that said, Graham Mankin and Tom Roberts handled the threat of Blackfield's Kevin Gibbens and Alex Baldacchino really well.

"The whole side deserves credit."

Like his chairman, Chalk sees no reason to fear a trip to Spennymoor should the favourites win through today.

"At this level Spennymoor are one of several very strong teams in that part of the country," he said.

"They have former England youth internationals and players who have been on the books of Newcastle, Sunderland and Middlesbrough.

"They are a very good side – but so are we.

"If we have to play them, you only have to look at the FA Cup results over the weekend, with the likes of Oldham beating Liverpool, to know that anything is possible."



BUOYANT Bemerton have been named Sydenhams Premier club-of-the-month for the second time running.

Ian Chalk's men enjoyed an unbeaten December in the league, beating Christchurch and drawing with Alton and Downton.

Harlequins vice-chairman Clive Leonard is pictured picking up the award from Sydenhams League chairman Ian Hoare.



Bemerton's Jack Slade, right, celebrates his goal.

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Vase match thumbs up

THE Sydenhams League have received lots of complimentary comments about last Saturday's all-Wessex FA Vase tie between Bemerton Heath Harlequins and Blackfield & Langley.

Harlequins edged an end-to-end thriller 3-2 at Western Way to take their place in the last 16.

"The league has received numerous comments from spectators, both neutral and 'attached', regarding the tie," said SWL competitions secretary John Gorman.

"They all praised the high standard of play, the manner in which the game was played and the enjoyment of a very good game of football and day out.

"The match referee also went out of his way to applaud both clubs for their behaviour and attitude, both on and off the pitch, and described the game as 'a pleasure to referee.'

"The recurring phrase was 'a credit to the Wessex League' and the league would like to thank and congratulate both clubs on the day."

Eastleigh signing

EASTLEIGH have added a new name to their ground staff.

Ben Bishop, who has worked at a number of golf clubs, has been recruited to help with the Silverlake Stadium pitch.

"The fans have been brilliant this season working through the recent weather conditions to make the pitch playable and we hope both the fans and Ben will continue these efforts for the remainder of the season," said a spokesman for the Blue Square Bet South club.

Murray's right as rain

RYAN Murray took centre stage for Hamworthy United on Tuesday in their 5-2 Sydenhams Premier triumph at Alton Town.

The hat-trick hero scored with two penalties and a close-range finish, backed by singles from Stefan Penny and Joe Shovelton.

Sam Knight and substitute Tom Walsh scored for Alton, who were congratulated by Hammers boss Simon Browne for getting the game on after heavy rain.

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Austin passes frontline road test for Town



MATT AUSTIN

MATT Austin has made over 20 appearances for Romsey Town this term, but it's only recently that his name has soared to Sydenhams Premier prominence.

The 23-year-old started the season as a central midfielder and played the occasional game at centre-half as Town scrapped their way through a torrid run of 17 defeats in their opening 18 Wessex fixtures, *writes WENDY GEE*.

Then, in a flash of inspiration, manager Danny Barker decided to try him up front, since when both Austin's and Romsey's fortunes have enjoyed a stratospheric rise.

Last Saturday's late winner against Verwood was Austin's fourth goal in three games and, for the Bypass boys, it made it four wins and a draw from their last seven league outings, moving them up to 18th place.

"We've moved Matt around in terms of position," Barker explained.

"He came to the club as a holding midfielder and started the season in a central role and he's even played three or four games at centre-half.

"Back then the side wasn't as strong as it is now and it was a bit of a struggle for Matt, so we were looking at where we should play him.

"He showed signs of being a good forward so we tried him out up front and, ever since he's been up there, it's just worked.

"He looks really good as a forward and is improving with every game.

"His overall display against Verwood was superb. He caused them problems all afternoon."

With the game seemingly heading for a goalless draw, Austin popped up with a priceless winner with about nine minutes left.

Central midfielder Craig Bryant played a smart ball over the top and the striker got in front of his marker before coolly slipping a shot under Potters 'keeper Chris Lynch.

"It was a really hard-fought game and the lads deserve a lot of credit," said Barker.

"We were the better side in the first half and should have gone in at least 2-0 up.

"To their credit, Verwood came out strong and controlled the first 15 or 20 minutes of the second half. But we dealt with that and then came strong again towards the end, which is where we've improved so much in the last five or six weeks.

"In times gone by it would have been us conceding with nine minutes to go.

"We've always been a hard-working side, but you've got to have quality too and we look stronger and more competitive now and harder to beat.

"We should have taken the pressure off ourselves by scoring earlier, but we showed a lot of character to stay patient and keep going."

Two weeks ago Romsey – then bottom of the table – pulled off the biggest shock of the season so far by beating league leaders Downton 3-1 at Wick Lane.

But it's the following two results – a 1-1 draw at AFC Portchester and Saturday's victory over Verwood – that have given Barker the greatest satisfaction.

"These last two results are even more pleasing than the Downton win," he said. "You can go to the big sides with no pressure, but Portchester and Verwood are games where you're looking to survive and we've shown real character to come out of them without losing.

"We've got two tough fixtures coming up now, at Blackfield & Langley on Saturday (today) and Moneyfields on Tuesday, and that's why it was so important to bank points prior to going into those games.

"If we could sneak a draw from either of them we'd be delighted. It would set us up nicely for the home game against Horndean next Saturday."

GIANT ON THE PITCH



PASSION PLAY: Tom Jordan celebrates scoring for Eastleigh against AFC Wimbledon in 2009.



FLASHBACK: Tom Jordan is welcomed to Eastleigh by manager Ian Baird in June 2008.

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IT WAS the end of an era at Eastleigh last Saturday as former skipper Tom Jordan brought the curtain down on four-and-a-half exemplary years at the club.

Introduced as a late substitute, it was fitting that the towering centre-back should play a part in setting up the final goal in a 3-1 home win over Farnborough before going off to a players' guard of honour and a heartfelt standing ovation from the 606-strong crowd.

Despite his imposing 6ft 5in frame and his father Joe 'Jaws' Jordan's fearsome reputation with Scotland, Man United and Saints, the overriding memories of Jordan Jnr will be of a quietly influential leader on the park and a true gentleman off it.

No surprise then that when his farewell moment arrived, the big man was ever so slightly embarrassed to be taking the spotlight off his teammates.

"In some ways it was emotional, but I felt a bit funny about it all," he confessed.

"The lads had grafted away for the whole game on a tough pitch and that was the most important thing.

'CLOSURE'

"It felt a bit daft coming on when the lads had all worked so hard, but the manager was good enough to give me the chance to say goodbye to the fans and I appreciated the opportunity to get a bit of closure and to finish my Eastleigh career with a win."

For a player who doesn't crave the limelight, Jordan certainly had his fill of it during his long drawn-out move from south coast rivals Havant & Waterlooville.

He resigned as Hawks captain midway through the 2007/08 season, hoping to follow former Westleigh Park boss Ian Baird along the M27 to the Silverlake. But amid much mud-slinging between the clubs, he had to wait until June that year before finally becoming a Spitfire.

Although he played in the Hawks' historic FA Cup third round win over Swansea City and that never-to-be-forgotten tie against Liverpool at Anfield, Jordan spent much of the remainder of the season on the sidelines as negotiations between the two clubs broke down.

It was an uncomfortable time for the Bristol-based defender, but he has no regrets about digging his heels in and waiting for the right move.

"I'm pleased I joined Eastleigh," he said.

"A lot of people, particularly from the Havant end, criticised me and said it was all about the money, but it wasn't.

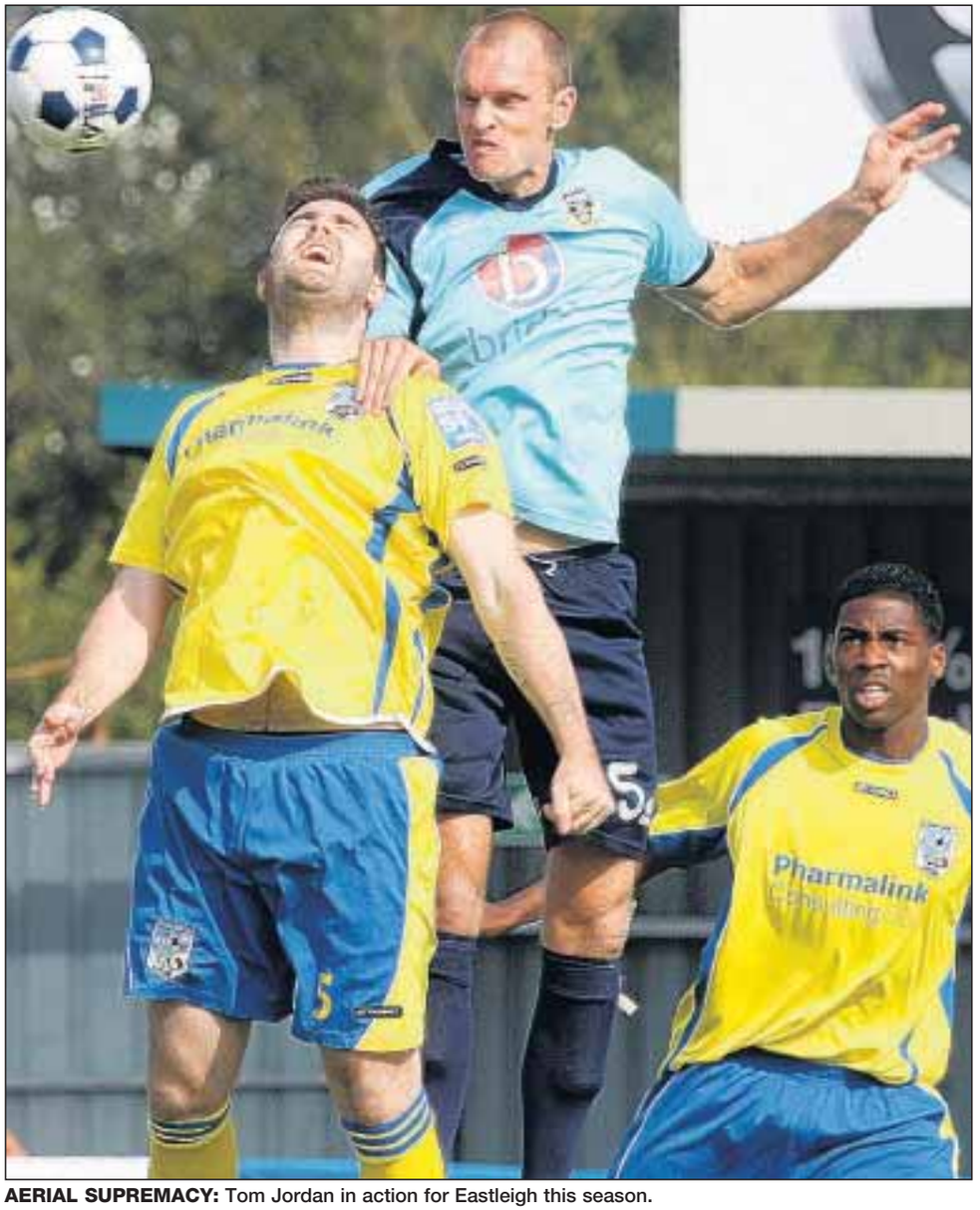
"I actually took a marginal wage cut to join Eastleigh, even though they bought me for a fee.

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... A GENTLEMAN OFF IT



AERIAL SUPREMACY: Tom Jordan in action for Eastleigh this season.

"I knew the infrastructure at Eastleigh was solid and everything was done professionally there.

"I'm grateful that Ian Baird stayed patient and that I was dogged in sticking with my decision to become an Eastleigh player."

It was no coincidence that Jordan's arrival at Stoneham Lane coincided with the most successful chapter in the club's history.

They went toe-to-toe with AFC Wimbledon for the Blue Square Bet South title, eventually finishing in their highest ever position of third before suffering play-off heartbreak.

"Finishing third and challenging with Wimbledon was a real high point," said Jordan, who particularly cherishes the partnership he struck up with rising, young star Aaron Martin, left.



Together the duo formed arguably the Spitfires' best ever central defensive pairing and it was a great source of pride to the older man when his young sidekick was signed by Saints in November 2009.

"It sounds big-headed to say I helped Aaron, but his great quality is that he listens and learns," said Jordan.

"You get a lot of good, young players coming through who think they know it all and they don't listen.

"But Aaron took everything on board and you could see him learning and improving every week, which is unusual for a young lad.

"Playing alongside him was another real high point for me."

At the age of 31, Jordan believes he still has plenty of football left in his legs and has mixed feelings about leaving Eastleigh after agreeing a settlement on his contract.

Alarmed by the Spitfires' poor defensive record, particularly on the road, Baird's replacement Richard Hill resolved to cure their rearguard ills once and for all last month, recruiting three new quality centre-backs.

Against Farnborough he went with a central defensive triumvirate, combining the strength and experience of Dean Beckwith from Luton Town and Chris Todd from Forest Green Rovers with the burgeoning young talent of Luton loanee Alex Lacey. And the early signs are all positive with last Saturday's win preceded by a 5-0 home thrashing of Billericay.

"I'm sad to go because I've enjoyed myself at Eastleigh and I still feel capable of fighting for a place and playing a part for the team," said Jordan.

"But the club have gone full-time and they've strengthened in defensive areas with some really good acquisitions, so maybe it's right in some ways that I go.

"I've seen a lot of players come and go since I've been at Eastleigh and I'm just glad I managed to stay for a good period of time and give good service to the club.

"I'm pretty keen to stay playing at this level and I feel I've got a lot more seasons left in me, but maybe I could do with a club nearer my Bristol home.

REGRET

"I'm still a personal trainer, but now that I've got a family I've increased my workload and started football coaching. I need less time on the road. The older you get, the worse travelling is for the body."

As Jordan prepares to head to pastures new, his biggest regret is that he never saw Eastleigh promoted.

But he is convinced that, with the fans' backing, it is only a matter of time before the Spitfires are gracing the Conference National.

"Eastleigh fans always gave me a chance during my time there and even when we lost games or didn't play well, the players always felt very well supported," he said.

"New players have come into the club now and I'm sure that if the fans continue backing the group their patience will be rewarded.

"Speaking to players like Dale Binns and Moses Ademola (now at Dover), they said that when they were with other clubs they had always expected Eastleigh to get promoted with the players they had. The outside expectation of Eastleigh is that they're one of the major clubs in the division.

"With Bridle's investment and the squad Richard Hill is building I'm sure it's only a matter of time before Eastleigh get promoted.

"It's just finding a level of consistency as clubs like (league leaders) Salisbury and Welling have done."

Non-league News

Hawks facing FA rap over Davis deal

HAVANT & WATERLOOVILLE are facing a misconduct charge after a seven-month investigation by the Football Association.

The Blue Square Bet South outfit have been charged for their part in a proposed transfer deal for Tom Davis as have their former vice-chairman Jim Fallon and ex-assistant manager Sean New, who are no longer with the club.

Midfielder Davis, then of Carshalton Athletic, alleged in The Non-League Paper last summer that he was offered illegal payments to join the Westleigh Park club.

In a meeting which also involved former AFC Totton assistant boss New, he said Fallon offered him a 'private company and football-playing sponsorship agreement' to be paid for by Fallon's Landford-based company Beaumont Water Heaters Limited – former sponsors of AFC Totton.

After a lengthy investigation the FA this week issued the following statement: "Havant & Waterlooville FC, James Fallon, Sean New and Tom Davis have all been charged with misconduct.

"The club, Fallon and New have all been charged under FA rules relating to players which state that 'all payments made to players must be made by the club and fully recorded into the accounting records of the club' and that 'all salaried payments must be subject to PAYE and national insurance.

"Tom Davis has been charged under FA Rule E14 for allegedly failing to report an offer of payment from Fallon and New.

"All parties have until 5pm on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 to respond."

If found guilty, the Hawks face a possible points deduction, but they remain determined to clear their name.

They have brought in experienced football administrator Graham Bean, and his company Football Factors, to represent them.

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White-hot Jamie

EX-SAINT Jamie White has been named Blue Square Bet South player-of-the-month for January.

The Salisbury City marksman, pictured below, scored six times during the month, finding the net in all but one of his games for the table-topping Whites.



White kicked off the new year with a brace in the 5-3 home victory over his old club Eastleigh and scored a last-minute winner in the 4-3 home triumph over Truro.

The January manager-of-the-month award goes to Ian Allinson of Boreham Wood.

Quarter-finals switch

SHOLING'S Hampshire FA Senior Cup quarter-final tie at Havant & Waterlooville was postponed for a second time as was the all-Wessex showdown between GE Hamble and Alresford Town.

Both have been rearranged for Tuesday but, under HFA rules, will be switched to Sholing and Alresford respectively.

Arsenal at Silverlake

SOUTHAMPTON'S Barclays Under-21 Premier League game against Arsenal has been rearranged for Wednesday, April 3 (7pm) at Eastleigh's Silverlake Stadium.

The match was recently postponed due to adverse weather conditions.

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AFC BOURNEMOUTH'S development squad defied coaches' orders to deny holders Eastleigh victory in the Hampshire FA Senior Cup on Tuesday night.

With the Spitfires leading 2-1, the Cherries youngsters went for broke in the last minute of extra time, sending practically everyone – including goalkeeper Benjamin Buchel – up for a corner kick at the death.

The Cherries bench had their own ideas on how to play it, but the players did it their way – with costly results for Richard Hill's Blue Square Bet South visitors.

Jamal Bajandouh pounced for a last-gasp leveller to take the quarter-final tie into a penalty shoot-out which Bournemouth won 4-3.

Cherries coach Chris Hargreaves laughed: "At the end we told Benjamin to go up, but we were screaming at Lorenzo (Davids) because we wanted an in-swinging corner.

"He puts in an out-swinging corner and Jamal scores, so what do we know?!!"

In a game that had everything, Eastleigh hit the woodwork through Dale Binns while Davids scooped a sitter over for Bournemouth in a goalless first half.

The Spitfires took the lead with a Mark Hughes cracker midway through the second half, only to be pegged back with less than ten minutes to go when Brandon Goodship – scorer of a hat-trick in the previous round against Fleet Town – struck clinically past Jack Dovey.

High drama followed when Eastleigh were awarded a penalty for handball only for Liechtenstein international Buchel to brilliantly deny Corey King from the spot.

The ball was cleared to the halfway line where young Eastleigh right-back Charlie Basilone slid in on Anthony Harris on a difficult, greasy surface and was sent off on his senior debut.

It was ten-man Eastleigh who led again in extra time when, following excellent work by fellow youngster Rudy Plummer, King sent a right-foot curler past Buchel.

Clive Makoni struck the post as the Cherries retaliated, but Eastleigh defended manfully until Bajandouh's late leveller.



ON TARGET: Eastleigh's Mark Hughes, right.

CHERRIES DEFY ORDERS TO KO EASTLEIGH

Hughes, Binns and Adam Everitt all scored for Eastleigh in the shoot-out, but Buchel booked Cherries a semi-final place by denying Andy Forbes and his opposite number Dovey.

Eastleigh boss Hill was proud of his side's efforts and praised his senior players for guiding the young lads through.

"All credit to the senior lads for educating the young lads during the game and credit to the younger lads for listening," he said.

Hill, though, was not as complimentary about the performance of referee Daniel Cook – not least because he dished out six yellow cards and one red.

"He didn't take into account that we had young lads out there trying to impress and, like him, they got tired. They don't train full time and you do tend to get clumsy tackles, particularly around the 90th minute," he said.

"There was no malice involved in young Charlie's challenge. Yes, he might have been a bit late because he was knackered

"I refused to mark the ref afterwards and I'm a bit concerned now, after the remarks I made and what's been said on our website, that he might bear a grudge if he referees one of our Blue Square South games."

Totton's young guns make Thorne proud

AFC TOTTON'S reserve team boss Jim Thorne was a proud man on Tuesday.

Five of his young guns featured in Steve Riley's first team as the Stags outclassed in-form Gosport Borough 3-1 in the Hampshire FA Senior Cup quarter-final at the Testwood Stadium.

"I'm so proud Totton started with five players who came up through the youth ranks," said Thorne.

"Ross Casey, Conor Thorne, Luke Roberts, Jack Odam and Nathan Hurst were all outstanding."

Totton, last season's beaten finalists, were on fire from the off as they ended Gosport's 12-match unbeaten run.

The Stags raced into a two-goal lead in the opening six minutes as, first, Roberts and, then, Mike Gosney capitalised on young Odam's impressive supply of crosses.

Sammy Igoe hit the bar for Gosport, but the visitors fell further behind in the 56th minute when 'keeper Nathan Ashmore slid in to take the ball, but took Odam out instead. It cost his side a penalty which ex-Borough right-back Ryan Hill tucked away.



Goalkeeper Casey, pictured above, protected the lead with fine saves from Danny Smith and James Ford before Luke King grabbed Gosport a late consolation after the Stags had failed to clear a corner.

It was Gosport's first defeat since their 1-0 Red Insure Cup exit at Sholing in late November and, like Thorne, Riley was brimming with praise for his young guns.

"I was chuffed to bits," said the boss. "From a manager and coach's point of view, it was one of the most satisfying performances since I've been here. It was one of the highlights of the season for me.

"Nathan Hurst and Conor Thorne were outstanding in the middle of the park as were young Luke Roberts and Jack Odam up front.

"It's a big step up for young men, particularly at the standard we're at, but it's great to see these youngsters coming through.

"Gosport played a similar sort of side to us but, fair play to Alex (Borough boss Alex Pike), he said the young players knocking on our door were better than the young ones knocking on his."

LOCAL AND NATIONAL FOOTBALL FIXTURES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, February 4

npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE
League 2: Gillingham v Wycombe.
BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE
South: Chelmsford v Billericay.
WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
Division One East: Newport IoW v US Portsmouth.
Wyvern Challenge Shield: Group C: Team Solent v Hayling Utd.

Tuesday, February 5

UNDER-21 FRIENDLY
England U21 v Sweden U21 (Banks's Stadium).
npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE
League 1: Colchester v Swindon, Oldham v Yeovil, Scunthorpe v Portsmouth, Sheff Utd v Crawley Town, Stevenage v Notts County.
League 2: Cheltenham v Bristol Rovers, Port Vale v AFC Wimbledon.
JOHNSTONE'S PAINT TROPHY
Southern Area final first leg: L Orient v Southend.
Northern Area final first leg: Coventry v Crewe.
FA CARLSBERG TROPHY
Fourth round: Gainsborough v Barrow.
BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE
South: Dorchester v Basingstoke, Dover v Bromley, Farnborough v Bath City, Welling v Boreham Wood, Weston-super-Mare v Eastleigh.
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Totton v Weymouth, Barwell v Gosport Borough, Bashley v Cambridge City, St Neots v Chesham.
Division One S&W: Bridgwater v Yate, Evesham v Abingdon, N Leigh v Cirencester, Tiverton v Clevedon.
HAMPSHIRE FA SENIOR CUP
Quarter-finals: Alresford Town v GE Hamble, Sholing v Havant & Waterlooville.
RUSSELL COTES CUP
Quarter-finals: Hythe & Dibden v Christchurch, Lymington Town v Fareham Town.
SYDENHAMS LEAGUE
Premier Division: Blackfield & Langley v Downton, Horndean v Fawley AFC, Moneyfields v Romsey.
Division One: East Cowes Vics v Cowes Sports, Fleet Spurs v Tadley Calleva, Laverstock & Ford v Stockbridge, Pewsey Vale v Amesbury, US Portsmouth v Petersfield, Whitchurch v Andover NS.
PUMA ENGINEERING HPL
PEHPL Senior League Cup, quarter-final: Colden Common v Liss Athletic (7.15pm at Locks Heath FC).
WYVERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Wyvern League Cup, quarter-final: Sholing v Salisbury City.

Wednesday, February 6

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLIES
England v Brazil, Rep of Ireland v Poland, Scotland v Estonia, Wales v Austria.
FA CARLSBERG TROPHY
Fourth round replay: Dartford v FC Halifax.
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Division One South & West: Bishops Cleeve v Paulton Rovers, Taunton v Mangotsfield.
Red Insure Cup, fourth round: Frome Tn v Sholing.
WILTSHIRE PREMIER SHIELD
Final: Swindon Supermarine v Salisbury City.
SYDENHAMS LEAGUE
Premier Division: Verwood v Alton.
Division One: Brockenhurst v Ringwood Town.
WYVERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Premier Division: Fleet Town v Bashley, Poole Town v Christchurch, Wimborne v Moneyfields.
Division One East: GE Hamble v Fareham Town, Whitchurch v Tadley Calleva.
Wyvern Challenge Shield: Group E: Horndean v Blackfield & Langley.

Thursday, February 7

RUSSELL COTES CUP
Quarter-final: AFC Totton Res v Totton & Eling.

Friday, February 8

npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Championship: Watford v Crystal Palace.

Saturday, February 9
(FL games 3pm ko unless stated)

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE
Chelsea v Wigan, Norwich v Fulham, SAINTS v Man City (5.30pm), Stoke v Reading, Sunderland v Arsenal, Swansea v QPR, Tottenham v Newcastle (12.45).
npower FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Championship: Blackburn v Ipswich, Blackpool v Millwall, Bolton v Burnley, Brighton v Hull (5.20pm), Bristol City v Nottm Forest, Charlton v Birmingham, Huddersfield v Cardiff, Middlesbrough v Barnsley, Peterborough v Leicester, Sheff Wed v Derby, Wolverhampton v Leeds.
League 1: Bournemouth v Portsmouth, Brentford v Bury, Carlisle v Stevenage, Colchester v Preston, Coventry v Yeovil, Doncaster v Walsall, Leyton Orient v Tranmere, Notts County v Crewe, Oldham v Milton Keynes Dons, Scunthorpe v Crawley Town, Shrewsbury v Sheff Utd, Swindon v Hartlepool.
League 2: Accrington Stanley v Southend, Aldershot v Plymouth, Barnet v Port Vale, Bradford v Gillingham, Burton Albion v Rotherham, Chesterfield v AFC Wimbledon, Dag & Red v Cheltenham, Morecambe v Exeter, Northampton v Rochdale, Oxford Utd v Bristol Rovers, Torquay v Fleetwood Town, Wycombe v York.
BLUE SQUARE BET CONFERENCE
Premier: Alfreton Town v Woking, Braintree Tn v Hereford, Ebbsfleet Ut v Gateshead, Grimsby v AFC Telford, Hyde v Macclesfield, Kidderminster v Cambridge Utd, Lincoln City v Dartford, Luton v Forest Green, Mansfield v Barrow, Newport v Tamworth, Nuneaton v Southport, Wrexham v Stockport.
South: AFC Hornchurch v Sutton, Boreham Wood v Bath City, Bromley v Basingstoke, Dorchester v Salisbury, Dover v Welling, Eastbourne Borough v Weston-S-Mare, Farnborough v Havant & W'loo, Hayes & Yead v Truro City, Maidenhead v Billericay, Staines v Eastleigh, Tonbridge Angels v Chelmsford.
BARCLAYS U18 PREMIER LEAGUE
Elite Group Stage: SAINTS U18 v Bolton U18(11am).
EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: Banbury v Gosport Borough, Bashley v Kettering, Bedford v Chippenham, Bideford v Arlesey, Cambridge City v Hemel Hempstead, Chesham v Stourbridge, Hitchin v AFC Totton, Leamington v Barwell, St Albans v Redditch, St Neots v Frome, Weymouth v Bedworth.
Division One South & West: Abingdon Utd v Merthyr Town, Bishops Cleeve v Wimborne, Cirencester v Yate, Clevedon v Sholing, Mangotsfield v Shortwood, Paulton Rovers v Hungerford, Poole Tn v North Leigh, Swindon Supermarine v Bridgwater, Taunton v Didcot, Tiverton v Cinderford, Winchester City v Evesham.
FA VASE
Fifth round: Newport IoW v Borrowash Victoria or Ascot Utd, Spennymoor or Lordswood v Bemerton Heath Harlequins.
SYDENHAMS LEAGUE
Premier Division: Christchurch v Alresford, Fareham v Downton, Fawley AFC v Hamworthy Utd, GE Hamble v Alton, Moneyfields v AFC Portchester, New Milton v Blackfield & Langley, Romsey v Horndean, Totton & Eling v Lymington Tn, Verwood v Hayling Utd.
Division One: Amesbury v US Portsmouth, Andover NeS v Laverstock & Ford, Cowes Sports v Pewsey Vale, Hythe & Dibden v East Cowes Vics, Petersfield v Brockenhurst, Stockbridge v Fleet Spurs, Tadley Calleva v Team Solent, Whitchurch v Ringwood.
PUMA ENGINEERING HPL
Senior Division 2.00 kick-offs unless stated): AFC Aldermaston v Clanfield (3.00), Colden Common v Sporting BW, Fleetlands v QK Southampton, Hamble Club v Bournemouth Sports, Hedge End Rangers v Paulsgrove, Liphook Utd v Locks Heath, Otterbourne v University of Portsmouth, Overton v AFC Stoneham, Winchester Castle v Liss Athletic.
PEHPL Combination League Cup, quarter-final: AFC Stoneham v Colden Common.
Combination Division: Bournemouth Sports v Liphook, Clanfield v Overton, Liss Ath v Otterbourne, Locks Heath v Fleetlands, Paulsgrove v Winchester Castle, Sporting BW v Hedge End Rangers.
MAGNATA CARE HAMPSHIRE LEAGGUE 2004
Broughton v Crusaders, Durley v Lyndhurst, Four Marks v Andover Lions, Michelmersh & Timsbury v Infinity, Upham v Forest Town.
NORTH HANTS INTERMEDIATE CUP
Quarter-final: Alresford Town Res v FC Censo.
WYVERN FOOTBALL LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Portchester v Winchester City, AFC Totton v Fleet Town, Bemerton HH v Christchurch, Sholing v Dorchester Town, Wimborne v Salisbury City.
Division One East: Alton v Whitchurch, Hayling Utd v GE Hamble, Horndean v Newport IoW, Team Solent v Fareham Town, US Portsmouth v Petersfield Town.
Division One West: Blackfield & Langley v Lymington Town, East Cowes Vics v Fawley AFC, Laverstock & Ford v Hythe & Dibden, Ringwood v Romsey, Verwood v New Milton.

Non-league Football



SHOLING'S GREAT ESCAPE NO SURPRISE TO DIAPER



LOVE-LEE JUBBLY: Sholing's Lee Wort nets one of his hat-trick goals against Abingdon.

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DAVE Diaper was relieved but not surprised to see Sholing continue their climb away from the Southern One South & West drop zone last Saturday.

The Boatmen made it four league wins out of four in 2013 as a Lee Wort hat-trick sent Abingdon United packing 3-0 at the Silverlake Arena.

Sholing have banked more points since the turn of the year than they did in the four-and-a-half months that preceded it and team boss Diaper knew it was only a matter of time before results started going their way.

"It's not that we were playing badly, it's just the way football is sometimes," he said.

"Everyone thought we were in a false position and I knew that if we worked hard we would come through it."

The summer loss of Kevin Gibbens to Blackfield & Langley took its toll on Sholing, but fortunes have blossomed again since Jamie Musselwhite's arrival from GE Hamble.

Wort, in particular, has thrived on having an experienced targetman alongside him and made the most of some inviting deliveries from widemen Marvin McLean and Barry Mason.

"Worty's still a bit green around the edges, but the way we play with two widemen suits him and being alongside Jamie Musselwhite has helped him tremendously," said Diaper. "Jamie's taken the heat off and Lee's learning all the time."

Wort has now netted eight league goals in 2013, having struck twice against Winchester City and bagged another hat-trick at Shortwood.

Technically the opener against Abingdon belonged to Kev Brewster, but Diaper didn't care who scored as long as the goal was given.

"Kev Brewster's free kick hit the crossbar, bounced down behind the line and came back out," he said. "But Worty's put it back over the line and the goal's been awarded to him.

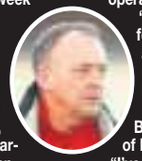
"Lee's other two goals were headers, which is a bit unusual because that's not normally one of his best attributes."

● Sholing's Hampshire FA Senior Cup quarter-final at Havant & Waterlooville was rained off for a second time on Tuesday.

Under Hampshire FA rules, the tie must now be switched to the Boatmen's Silverlake Arena and will take place this Tuesday (February 5, 7.45pm).

Much to the Boatmen's disgust, they must travel to Frome Town in the Red Insure Cup less than 24 hours later after the tie was moved back to its original February 6 slot from its rearranged February 7 date.

Diaper facing up to dual role with Boatmen



IT LOOKS like being a doubly hectic end to the season for Sholing boss Dave Diaper.

Not only has he got to guide his side through at least two games a week for the remainder of the Southern One South & West campaign, but he will be stepping in as acting chairman too.

Already vice-chairman of the Portsmouth Road club, Diaper, pictured, will cover for the departure of out-going chairman Sean Whelan, who has stepped down after eight months in the post.

Whelan is due an operation on both knees and feels it's not fair on Sholing to retain the chairman's job if he is not there to carry it out.

"I've got football-related problems with both knees and need a double operation," explained Whelan, who was previously chairman of AFC Totton and sponsor/PA announcer at Eastleigh.

"I had a cartilage operation eight years ago on my left knee, which now needs replacing, and I need a cartilage operation on my right knee.

"I'm going to be out of action for the best part of ten weeks and it's not really fair on the club for me to be chairman if I'm not there."

Whelan, though, says the Boatmen have not seen the last of him.

"I've already had a few texts saying 'don't be a stranger' – and I won't be. I'll be in and out of the club whenever I can," he said.

"I shan't go to another club. I sponsor Sholing's away shirts and I'll continue to support them as much as I can.

"It's not the end of the world, I'm sure. The club's in good hands with Dave Diaper and I'd love to see them gatecrash the play-offs. They're quite capable of doing that – they've got enough games in hand!"

Thanking Whelan for his efforts over the last eight months, Diaper said: "Sean's been good for us. He's given me a bit of a breather and I got on really well with him.

"He's a genuinely nice guy, very enthusiastic and his heart's in the right place. He's also the best mic man I've met!

"Sean stepping down probably means me doing a dual role between now and the end of the season to ensure continuity.

"I wouldn't rule out another chairman coming in, but we would have to make sure it's the right person because there are some big decisions to be made at the end of the season.

"I'm vice-chairman in any case, so the extra job shouldn't make much difference. I practically live at the place anyway!"

Clarke takes defeat in his stride



BLUE Square Bet South leaders Salisbury City experienced a rare taste of defeat on Tuesday night.

Unbeaten in their previous eight games, the Whites were desperate to continue their fine run at Farnborough.

Things looked good for the Wiltshire visitors when Boro' goalkeeper Craig Bradshaw was dismissed for a contentious handball with just 15 minutes gone.

But the numbers were evened up moments later when City skipper Brian Dutton also got his marching orders for handball in the area.

Reece Connolly's subsequent spot kick was fingertipped onto the woodwork by Salisbury 'keeper Mark Scott, but the respite was only fleeting as Scott Donnelly fired the hosts ahead on the brink of half-time.

Much to Salisbury's despair, Donnelly struck again late on to confirm the victory before ex-Saint Jamie White bagged a late consolation.

"It just wasn't our night," admitted Salisbury boss Darrell Clarke, pictured above, in the wake of the 2-1 defeat – only Salisbury's fourth league loss of the season.

"We created many chances but ended up getting punished in the end.

"We kept going for a long time and showed real endeavour and character, but we'll take this defeat on the chin.

"There's still plenty of points for the taking."

Quizzed about Dutton's dismissal, Clarke added: "It was difficult to get a clear view, but it (the handball) was by no means deliberate.

"We just need to move on from this disappointment."

Victory came as a timely boost to Farnborough who had just been deducted four points for fielding an ineligible player.

Medi Abalimba played six matches between August 18 and September 4 without an International Clearance Certificate.

Clawing three of those points back against the league leaders lifted the north Hampshire club back to sixth place.

Sinclair makes City return

SALISBURY City have thrown down the gauntlet to their Blue Square Bet South title rivals by bringing in two new players.

The table-topping Whites are drafting in versatile defender Glenn Wilson on loan from Gateshead until the end of the season and have re-signed former favourite Robbie Sinclair, pictured, from Stevenage Borough on a free transfer.



Sinclair, who began his career at Luton Town, links up with midfielder brother Stuart at Old Sarum.

Salisbury boss Darrell Clarke said: "Wilson is somebody I've had my eye on for a while. He's a great character and he's got plenty of experience. I very much look forward to working with him.

"I'm over the moon that Robbie has decided to rejoin the club. Having played in the same team as him in the Conference Premier, I know the quality he possesses and his arrival is a massive boost to our already talented squad of players.

"He is a great character and, having only been able to name three fit players on the bench against Farnborough on Tuesday, it was crucial that we strengthened the squad for the last period of the season."

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Meet the Manager

REDBRIDGE OLD BOYS

John Squires



Age: 43
From: Netley
Supports: Man Utd
Favourite player: Paul Scholes, love the way he controls the game.
Ambitions for the club: To fold soon, just joking! We enjoy playing and just want it to continue, maybe not lose so often would be good.
Best footballing moment: When I had trials for Bournemouth when I was 16.
Nickname: We don't have one.
Local pub: Used to be the Park Inn.
Team tightwad with the subs: Rafi Sulimani, never pays up. Possibly to do with his "dodgy" job.
Ladies man: We all are!
Best haircut: Adrian Aldridge and Tim Marshall
Worst haircut: Mike Cole
Club jester: Nick Gayden
Club's dodgiest driver: Mike Cole
Who owns the worst car and what is it? Mike Cole is a used car sales man, we're not sure what he will turn up in each week.

WOOLSTON VETS

Carl Browning



Age: 35
From: West End in Southampton
Supports: The mighty Chelsea.
Favourite player: It has to be Dennis Wise.
Best footballing moment: When I scored a perfect hat-trick in 2003 for Bitterne Park social club.
Ambitions for the club: For us lads to have a few more years together.
Nickname: The Humbugs.
Local pub: The Obelisk.
Team tightwad with the subs: Richard Cox, no doubt about it, short arms deep pockets.
Ladies man: Used to be Smiley before putting on the weight and losing his hair.
Best haircut: Steve Hall when gelled especially for Park Scratchings
Worst haircut: Steve Hall when Park Scratchings isn't around. He turns into Stig of the Dump!
Club jester: Flavio, the biggest joke was playing him in goal..
Club's dodgiest driver: The gaffer thinks he owns the road.
Who owns the worst car and what is it? Pete Child drives a camper van – very 70s.

REDBRIDGE WAIT FO

THERE is something remarkably plucky about Redbridge Old Boys.

Just a few weeks ago the whole Southampton Saturday League football schedule was wiped out by torrential rain – except for one game: Redbridge v Locks Heath.

The Redbridge players bravely battled the elements, but ended up knee-deep in mud and on the end of a 14-1 defeat.

Redbridge manager John Squires said: "The torrential downpour and hailstones before the game was an omen for the number of goals we were to concede."

This time out, against Woolston Old Boys and with the sun shining at Redbridge Community School, John hoped his side would fair a bit better.

But before the game his team were nowhere to be seen. After some frantic phone calls his players turned up... just two minutes before kick-off.

It was a stark contrast to Woolston Veterans, who were out in force on the pitch warming up.

Woolston are not your average vets side. This is their first season at the vets level, having previously played together for five years in the Southampton Sunday League as Obelisk, and there is not a grey hair to be seen, none of the players even looked like they were sporting a receding hairline.

Woolston gaffer Carl Browning, 35, looked like a young Ron Atkinson in his sheepskin coat and cap. He explained how his side are finding life with the vets.





"We're really enjoying playing in the vets, the banter with the lads and other teams is great," he said.

"The team spirit is the best thing here, even the players who don't get picked turn up and support the team."

It is his first time managing a side and he still feels he needs to stamp his authority down on some of his team.

"It's so frustrating, even though they're a great bunch, they never listen to me, they always think I'm taking the mickey," he moaned. But, when the game kicked off, it seemed his side followed Browning's instructions to get at Redbridge to the letter.

Every player was passing the ball around neatly and making tackles and they could have had a big early lead but for Mark Snerling comically missing four open goals.

The first involved him missing a tap in from five yards, one went wide, one was saved by Glen Shell in the Redbridge goal and one saw Snerling trip over the ball after being set up by Mark Burdon – to much laughter from players and supporters alike. However, Snerling breaki so cl even T open f l o g a f



REDBRIDGE: Rafi Sulimani, Tim Marshall, John Squires, Mike Banks, Mike Cole, Adrian Aldridge, Glenn Shell, Mike Pemberton, Fred Rolfe, Steve Dochinak and Trevor Woodfine. Paul Baretti (missing from picture). Order no: 15813542



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R DAY IN THE SUN



ON TARGET. Woolston's Mark Snerling scores Woolston's first goal, this pic and left, and turns to celebrate, right.
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edbridge Old Boys.

Woolston. Johnny Pratt made it 2-0, then Shane Weaver got onto the scoresheet when he latched onto a nice pass from Pete Childs.

The second half continued in the same vein, with every Woolston player eager to get on the scoresheet.

Mark Burdon smashed one in to kill what remained of Redbridge's resolve and a well taken Chrissy Gardner freekick led to Murray Wyness getting the goal his performance deserved with a powerful header at the far post.

Another cross caused chaos in the Redbridge box and Shell fumbled the ball, which unfortunately dropped at the feet of Johnny Prout, who poked the ball home to make it 5-0.

Redbridge mustered a few attacks, and Tim Marshall and Rafi Suliemani tried to galvanise the team, but most looked weary.

And Woolston soon made it 6-0 when Wyness showed his technical prowess with a Thierry Henry-like finish into the corner.

There was an own goal and Snerling made amends for his earlier misses by completing his hat-trick with two goals before Weaver added icing to the Woolston victory cake with a cheeky finish for goal number ten.

All in all it was a day Redbridge will want to forget, but despite being soundly beaten by a very good side, they still went out and gave it their best shot.

Plucky Redbridge Old Boys will get their day soon, but perhaps it won't be for a while yet.

Match rating: It had everything: goals, drama, more goals – well, that is if you're a Woolston player, as the match was played out in the Redbridge half. The banter on the sidelines by the Woolston players was top notch. It was too one sided to be called a great game, but it had its moments - in comedy value . .7/10

Match highlight: Never in Saturday or Sunday league football have I seen a player miss three open goals in such a short space of time. That was until I saw Woolston Veterans' Mark Snerling grace the muddy pitches of Redbridge Community School.

The best, or should I say most comedic miss of the bunch, was when he stumbled over the ball in the first half and fell flat on his face with the goal at his mercy. Absolutely brilliant, even the Redbridge Old Boys defenders were laughing.

Match lowlight: It was a shame to see that Redbridge very rarely troubled an assured Woolston defence. As a neutral the game was a real drubbing and there was a gulf in class and age between the two sides – one team have just entered the world of the vets fooball, the other are looking at a future in the over forties league.



WOOLSTON. Back (from left): Carl Browning (manager), Craig Parker, Lee Sivier, Johnny Prout, Alan Bishop, Gary Pengelly, Murray Wyness, Shane Weaver, Martin Evans (assistant manager). Front: Frankie Browning, Mark Snerling, Mark Burdon, Pete Childs, Richard Cox, Chris Gardner, Chris Hall, Steve Hall, Louis Bedford-Evans. Order no: 15813516

Team Ratings

WOOLSTON VETS

Richard Cox: Looked like he was day-dreaming as the ball didn't really come close to him. Loves facebook too much apparently 7
Craig Parker: Solid right back, according to the manager he's a bit of a diamond geezer who doesn't mind buying the rounds 7
Gary Pengelly: Built like a tank, the gaffer describes him as a "good old fashion centre back". Was comfortable for most of the match 8
Alan Bishop: Formed a good understanding with Pengelly at the back 7
Pete Childs: Does the running for the team down the right wing. Still believes he's 18, then cramp kicks in at around the 40 minute mark 7
Lee Siver: Called the orgasm as he's always moaning 7
Murray Wyness: Travels down from Poole every Saturday to play, looks more like a heavyweight boxer, was an absolute beast in the centre of the park. Scored a couple of lovely finishes 9
Steve Hall: Set up a ton of good chances, doesn't seem to like taking the glory for himself, played well and his crosses were excellent 8
Mark Snerling: Should have scored seven. Missed four open goals but still came away with a hat-trick. Comical misses were the highlight of the match .8
Johnny Prout: Another of Woolston's tall players, and built like a house. Scored two and dominated the midfield 8
Mark Burden: Tricky customer and likes to take on players, set up a few open goals for Mark Snerling, and was unlucky not to score himself 8
Micky Addinson: Sicknote of the team, usually found on the bench smoking and laughing around with Chris Gardner 7
Shane Weaver: Loves to sing along to the pogues Fairytale of New York, even in games sometimes. Scored a nice finish when coming off the bench, made a point to start next week 7
Chris Hall: Twin brother of Steve Hall, has the looks and the brains of the two according to the gaffer 7
Chris Gardner: Top notch banter on the bench. All subs should follow his lead and get involved in a laugh even when not playing 8

REDBRIDGE OLD BOYS

Glenn Shell: Busiest player on the park, Only one mistake all game from "the fat cat" 8
Fred Rolfe: One of the shorter ones in the team, got stuck in but had a tough time .6
Steve Dochinak: Left back, played well .6
Mike Pemberton: Centre back, played well 6
John Squires: Has been playing for years, says he still has the pace to keep up with most strikers 7
Mike Banks: A couple of good crosses in the first half, faded in the second 7
Trevor Woodfine: Loves a nutmeg, also loves a breather too 7
Tim Marshall: Carried the fight to Woolston, was a driving force at times and had a great engine 8
Adrian Aldridge: Mopped up well, when the keeper wasn't picking the ball out of his net 7
Mike Cole: Showed some good speed early in the match 6
Rafi Sulimani: Big presence up front, one of the oldest, doesn't look it at all 7
Paul Baretti: Super sub, has had grey hair since the age of 18 apparently. Suprisingly fast 7

CHERRIES FIXTURES 2012/13

AUGUST
14 Oxford U, A (CC) .....D 0-0
Lost on penalties
18 Portsmouth, A .....D 1-1
Barnard
21 MK Dons,H .....D 1-1
Grabban
25 Preston, H .....D 1-1
Elphick

SEPTEMBER
1 Sheff Utd, A .....L 3-5
Barnard, Elphick, Pugh
4 Pompey, A (JPT) .....D 2-2
Lost 4-3 on pens
MacDonald 2
8 Yeovil, A .....W 1-0
Hughes
15 Hartlepool H .....D 1-1
Tubbs
18 Brentford H .....D 2-2
Tubbs, Daniels
22 Swindon .....L 0-4
29 Walsall H .....L 1-2
Daniels

OCTOBER
2 Crawley Town (A) .....L 1-3
Barnard
6 Coventry .....L 0-1
13 Leyton Orient .....W 2-0
Grabban, Pugh
20 Tranmere (H). .....W 3-1
Pugh, Arter, Francis
23 Notts County (A) .....D 3-3
McQuoid, Arter, Tubbs
27 Carlisle (A) .....W 4-2
Pugh (2), Grabban, Barnard

NOVEMBER
3 Dagenham (FAC 1), H .....W 4-0
McQuoid (2), Pugh, Fogden
6 Shrewsbury, H .....W 2-1
Daniels, McQuoid
10 Doncaster, A .....W 1-0
Arter
17 Oldham, H .....W 4-1
Grabban (3), Daniels
20 Stevenage, H .....D 1-1
Tubbs
24 Bury, A .....D 2-2
Grabban, Pitman

DECEMBER
1 Carlisle (FAC 2), A .....W 3-1
Fogden, O'Kane, Pugh
8 Scunthorpe, A .....W 2-1
Grabban, Fogden
15 Colchester, H .....W 1-0
Grabban
26 Yeovil, H .....W 3-0
Grabban, Arter, Pitman
29 Crawley Tn, H .....W 3-0
og, Pitman, O'Kane

JANUARY
1 Brentford, A .....D 0-0
5 Wigan (FAC 3), A .....D 1-1
O'Kane
12 Swindon H. .....D 1-1
Arter
15 Wigan (FAC3 replay) .....L 0-1
19 Walsall A. .....L 1-3
Pitman
22 Hartlepool .....W 2-1
McQuoid, Grabben
26 Crewe H .....W 3-1
Pitman (3)

FEBRUARY
2 MK Dons A .....W 3-0
Grabban, Pugh, Arter

Cherries/Pompey Spotlight

Boost for Pompey takeover

THE Pompey Supporters' Trust's bid to buy Portsmouth FC was this week given a timely boost by a Government report which underlines the need for more fan engagement in the running of football clubs.

Following its 2011 report into governance in football, the Commons Culture Media and Sport Committee, chaired by John Whittingdale MP, this week published its follow up report.

It insisted the FA, Premier League and Football League still have significant progress to make towards ensuring football creates a robust regulatory framework to protect clubs.

The committee issued an ultimatum for them to do so in the next 12 months or face the prospect of legislation. One of the core recommendations of the report is to set up a committee to explore ways in which barriers to supporter ownership can be removed.

Other key changes the football authorities have been tasked with are: coming up with an independent licensing model for football clubs, reducing the 'unsustainable' levels of debt in the game and removing the 'football creditors' rule which protects clubs and players ahead of other creditors.

PST Chairman Ashley Brown said: "This follow up report is hugely welcome at a crucial time for our own bid to buy Portsmouth FC.

"As a Trust we wholeheartedly endorse the key recommendations, which had they been implemented several years ago might have meant the club not being in the predicament it is now.

"Having been working closely with the football authorities over the last few months, however, I am confident in their ability to evolve and adapt.

"We particularly welcome the recognition that supporters' trusts should be at the heart of any licensing and monitoring framework and also that the issue of making it more straightforward for fans to buy a stake in their clubs is going to be addressed as a matter of urgency.

"Pompey fans have been hugely generous, potentially raising more than £3m to buy our club.

"However, the hurdles we have faced as a trust, some put in front of us by the world of football itself, have contributed to the fact we have still to get our bid over the line, although we remain confident we will do so.

"Whittingdale identifies the need to make football 'inclusive, sustainable and driven from the grass roots' which is exactly what we are trying to do at Pompey," he added.

The Pompey Supporters' Trust is the preferred bidder for Portsmouth FC and is in negotiations to buy the club out of administration.

The community bid is a partnership between the Trust, which has raised around £2m so far in fan pledges and conversions, and a number of 'high net worth' Pompey fan investors.

One fan's view of HIS football club

A STARK warning to football clubs living beyond their means is the subject matter of a TV documentary next week about Portsmouth FC fan John Westwood.

Emsworth-based Millstream Productions pitched the idea to Channel 4 last spring.

The result is a seven-minute biographical documentary, which will be screened on the channel as part of its *The Shooting Gallery* series on Tuesday February 5 at 12.15am.

The programme will feature Westwood's passion for Pompey and his fears that the club might go under.

Entitled *'The Smell of Football'* it charts a match-day in the life of Petersfield bookseller Westwood, whose middle names are Portsmouth Football Club.

Westwood has become synonymous with the club as a top-hat-wearing, bell-wielding, bugle-blowing icon.

Producer/Director Daniel Musty said: "I wanted to create a short film which harped back to nostalgic times of being a football supporter as I remember it.

"Being taken by your dad and having your senses woken by the 'smell of football' – fried onions, the ink of the programmes, beer and freshly-mown grass.

"I wanted to create a portrait of what football means to the typical working class fan, rather than the sanitised Sky TV version of football.

"Technically, we produced a cinematic portrait of what it is to be consumed by a passion so great.

"Pompey encompasses every area of John's life.

"John loves his football club and would do anything within his power to help it.

"He represents the Fratton End up and down the country and his presence made sure that the film will be seen nationally on Channel 4.

"I expect many of the issues within the film will resonate with football supporters up and down the country at a time when many feel misrepresented, alienated, disenchanted with what football has become: a corporate cash cow and for many an armchair pastime.

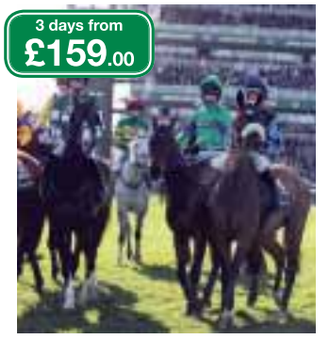
"*The Smell of Football* will remind supporters why they love the game.

"The film also presents some of the problems going on at Pompey through the eyes of a supporter and acts as a stark warning to clubs living beyond their means."



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Cherries/Pompey Spotlight

HOW TIMES CAN CHANGE



FLASHBACK: Morgan Schneiderlin in action against Pompey in an FA Cup tie three years ago. The two clubs' fortunes have remarkably altered since.

AS hard as it is to believe, Portsmouth's current demise is NOT the fastest known in modern English football history.

It might just appear that way, though.

Two more home defeats this week, against rock bottom Hartlepool and Notts County, kept Pompey entrenched in the League 1 drop zone and facing their third relegation in four seasons.

Was it only three years ago this month that Pompey visited St Mary's for an FA Cup tie as a Premier League club while their hosts floundered in mid-table in the third division?

Indeed it was, but those times now seem a world away.

Relegated at the end of that 2009/10 campaign, where they would have gone down even but for a nine point deduction, Pompey slid out of the Championship last season.

This time a 10-point deduction for entering administration was critical. But for that, the club would have stayed up.

Now Pompey went into this weekend on a dreadful run of 15 league games without a win, 12 of which have ended in defeat.

One of the few things the club has to look forward to is coming out of administration and being taken over by the fans trust.

When that happens, though, the Football League will instantly dock Pompey another 10 points and a third relegation in four seasons will almost certainly be secured.

From finishing 14th in the top flight in May 2009 to being relegated to the fourth tier in May 2013, it will have been four of the worst years ever endured by any major football club in this country.

Not *the* worst, though.

Contracts cancelled

Back in May 1979 Bristol City finished 13th in the old First Division. Four years later they were 14th – in the fourth division.

Demoted in 1979/80 from the top flight, City went down again in 1980/81 and again in 1981/82.

Eight of their highest earning players – commonly known as The Ashton Gate Eight – agreed to have their contracts cancelled in order to keep the club alive.

In March 1982, Saints and Ipswich – then two of the top clubs in the First Division – played a friendly against each other at Ashton Gate to raise money to keep the Robins afloat.

Wolves were also relegated three years in a row in the 1980s – in 1983/84, 1984/85 and 1985/86.

In the latter season several attendances at Molineux slumped to around the 3,000 mark.

On one particularly grim day, under 2,300 turned up for a third tier game against Bury.

This was the same Wolves that attracted 25,000 plus to their Premier League games prior to relegation last term.

Turn the clock further back to the 1960s, and Northampton suffered three relegations in four seasons. But they only spent one term in the top flight prior to starting their quick journey back to the lower divisions.

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Pompey had been in the Premier League for six seasons ahead of the 2009/10 campaign, which heralded the start of their financial implosion off the field and nosedive down the pyramid off it.

Pompey's 2-0 home loss to Notts County on Tuesday stretched their wretched run to 12 defeats and three draws in their last 15 games.

It is the club's worst league run since Ian St John presided over a 17-game winless stretch in the old Second Division in 1975/76.

That dismal run included nine straight defeats.

Unsurprisingly, Pompey went down that season. As they did in 1978.

That seems to be their fate again this term.

The club had a two-season spell in the fourth tier between 1978-1980 and that is where they appear to be heading again.

Again, we could see a three-division gap between Saints and their arch rivals.

The loss of several experienced faces last month has only made a tough situation even worse for manager Guy Whittingham.

Just look at his squad the other night against Notts.

There were four teenagers – Dan Butler, Jed Wallace, Ashley Harris and Frankie Sutherland – in the squad plus 21-year-old Adam Reed.

Cowes-born Butler was recalled from a loan spell at Havant & Waterlooville to be thrown in against Hartlepool last weekend for his first ever league start.

There are some experienced faces – ex-Saint David Connolly one of them – but not enough of them.

Pompey have used 41 players in league action this term, four more than anybody else in the Football League.

How many more they can use is anyone's guess, and how low they go before any revival is sparked is another very good question.

TODAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS – SEE PAGE 48

POMPEY FIXTURES 2012/13

AUGUST
14 Plymouth, A (CC) . . . . . L 0-3
18 Bournemouth, H . . . . . D 1-1
McLeod
21 Colchester, A . . . . . D 2-2
Rodgers, Obita
25 Carlisle, A . . . . . L 2-4
Harris, Clifford

SEPTEMBER
1 Oldham,H . . . . . L 0-1
4 Bournemouth, H (JPT) . . . . . D 2-2
Won 4-3 on pens
Rodgers, Howard
8 Crawley Town, A . . . . . W 3-0
Harris, Rodgers, McLeod
15 Walsall , H. . . . . L 1-2
McLeod
18 Swindon H . . . . . L 1-2
Michalik
22 Notts County, A . . . . . L 0-3
29 Scunthorpe, H . . . . . W 2-1
Gypes, Thomas

OCTOBER
2 Yeovil (A) . . . . . W 2-1
McLeod , Gyepes
6 MK Dons . . . . . D 2-2
McLeod, Gyepes
13 Crewe . . . . . W 2-0
Thomas, McLeod
20 Shrewsbury, H. . . . . W 3-1
McLeod (2), Thomas
23 Stevenage, A. . . . . L 2-1
Harley
27 Sheff Utd, A . . . . . L 0-1

NOVEMBER
3 Notts County (FAC 1), H . . . . . L 0-2
6 Brentford, H . . . . . L 0-1
10 Bury, A . . . . . L 0-2
17 Doncaster , H . . . . . L 0-1
20 Leyton Orient, H . . . . . L 2-3
McLeod, Allen
24 Coventry, A . . . . . D 1-1

DECEMBER
8 Tranmere, A . . . . . D 2-2
Gyepes, Jervis
15 Preston, H . . . . . D 0-0
26 Crawley Tn, H . . . . . L 1-2
Benson
29 Yeovil, H . . . . . L 1-2
Benson

JANUARY
1 Swindon, A . . . . . L 0-5
4 Walsall, A . . . . . L 0-2
26 Hartlepool, H. . . . . L 1-3
Wallace
29 Notts County, H . . . . . L 0-2

FEBRUARY
2 Colchester H . . . . . L 2-3
Wallace, Keene
Bournemouth . . . . . (A)
16 Carlisle . . . . . (H)
23 Oldham . . . . . (A)
26 MK Dons . . . . . (H)

MARCH
2 Crewe . . . . . (A)
9 Bury . . . . . (H)
12 Leyton Orient . . . . . (A)
16 Doncaster . . . . . (A)
23 Coventry . . . . . (H)
30 Preston . . . . . (A)

APRIL
1 Tranmere . . . . . (H)
6 Stevenage . . . . . (H)
13 Brentford . . . . . (A)
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Saints Spotlight



QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Gary is one of the most comfortable players on the ball I've ever seen. You wouldn't think that the first time you see him though, he looks like a drunk" **- Kilmarnock midfielder Danny Racchi points out appearances can be deceptive as he praises former teammate Gary Harkins.**

"I've grown in age but not in body. I've still got the mental drive and approach that I had when I was 22, 23. It's almost like I'm Benjamin Button - I'm going backwards. I still enjoy what I do. I just want to see how fast I can run before the tyres fall off" **- Rejuvenated sprinter Dwain Chambers after winning the 60 metres at the British Athletics Glasgow International Match.**

"I have a pretty little colour-chart (in my head) which describes this for me. It is to stop you acting on emotion without thinking" **- England hooker Dylan Hartley reveals his technique to combat his famously volatile temperament.**

"This transfer window, I have never seen anything like it. Every agent seems to be trying to screw each other. It's like gang warfare out there - it's scary. If you're trying to get a player another agent will try to scupper that deal if he's not involved in it to try to get you to have one of his" **- Tottenham manager Harry Redknapp, pictured, equates the January transfer window to the infamous 'Glasgow Ice Cream Wars' of the 1980s.**



"I am looking forward to playing in the Champions League again, against the best clubs in Europe" **- After becoming a European champion with Chelsea, Didier Drogba tweets of his delight after sealing a move to Turkish giants Galatasaray.**

"He wasn't worried about the ramifications and the position he may have put these people in - it was all about Planet Lance" **- Red Bull driver Mark Webber accuses disgraced cyclist Lance Armstrong of treating people "like idiots" during the time he doped.**

"It's not the best way, it's the only way. As much as I'm the eye of the storm this is not about one man, one team, one director. This is about cycling and to be frank it's about ALL endurance sports. Publicly lynching one man and his team will not solve this problem" **- Armstrong believes a truth and reconciliation commission is the only way to tackle doping.**

"I thought 'What's happening today?' Oh yes, Beckham is here" **- Arsene Wenger notices an increase in the number of photographers as David Beckham turns up to train with Arsenal.**

Shaw's on the fast

England U21 call-up for Saints starlet



SAINTS starlet Luke Shaw will be aiming to add to his England international caps next Tuesday.

The 17-year-old was earlier this week fast tracked into Stuart Pearce's under-21 squad for the friendly against Sweden at the Banks's Stadium in Walsall.

The call-up maintained Shaw's meteoric rise in recent months.

Until last November he had never appeared in a Premier League game for Saints.

But after coming on as a sub in the loss at West Bromwich Albion on Bonfire Night, Shaw made his first league start at left back against Swansea a few days later.

He played in every subsequent Premier League game until being surprisingly dropped to the bench for Wednesday's loss at Old Trafford.

Shaw was promoted from the England under-17 squad to Pearce's under-21s, bypassing the national under-19 squad altogether.

He has won eight England under-17 caps, the first coming in the summer of 2011.

Shaw had previously also been capped six times at England under-16 level, after making his debut in February 2011.

Though he has never scored for Saints, Shaw did score England's opening goal against Uruguay in the Montaigu Tournament in April 2011.

Shaw joins up with an under-21 squad who didn't concede a single goal in six matches in 2012.

In England's last outing, a 2-0 win against Northern Ireland last November, Clyne was introduced as a second half sub.

It was the right-back's fourth England under-21 cap, having also previously won nine caps at under-19 level.

Here, the Sports Pink looks at Shaw's fellow under-21 squad players chosen for next Tuesday's friendly against Sweden.

Ben Amos

The 22-year-old Manchester United goalkeeper has never played a Premier League game for his parent club.

He has appeared in five League Cup ties, plus a Champions League group tie against Valencia in 2010.

Currently on loan at Championship club Hull City, Amos had a loan spell at Oldham Athletic starting in January 2011.

In his second game for the Latics he let in six goals - Saints winning the League 1 encounter 6-0 at Boundary Park!

Declan Rudd

The 22-year-old goalkeeper has made ten league appearances for Norwich, though only two in the Premier League – and both those were last season.

Got a rare run-out in the FA Cup last weekend, but was one to forget as non league Luton Town caused a siesmic shock at Carrow Road.

Jason Steele

Stuart Pearce's third 22-year-old keeper in his squad for next week's game is easily his most experienced.

Steele has made 110 league appearances, including 97 for parent club Middlesbrough where he has been established as first choice for several years now.

Ryan Bennett

The 22-year-old Norwich left-back has already made over 200 league appearances in a career which started at Grimsby in 2007.

After moving on to Peterborough, he switched to the Canaries in a £3m deal last year. Has appeared in 118 Premier League games for Norwich this season.

Nathaniel Clyne

The attack-minded 21-year-old right back Has only missed two of Saints' first 23 Premier League games this season after joining from Crystal PalAce last summer for around £2m.

Saints Spotlight



track to stardom



Craig Dawson
The 22-year-old centre half joined West Brom from Rochdale in the summer of 2010.
But he has only made eight league appearances for the Baggies in two and a half seasons and last season was loaned back to Rochdale.
Is currently on loan again, this time at Bolton Wanderers.

Tom Lees
The 22-year-old centre half has impressed for Championship club Leeds in wins against Premier League trio Everton, Saints and Tottenham in cup ties this season.
Has played over 150 league games, after spending the 2009/10 campaign on loan at Accrington and 2010/11 season on loan at Bury.

Phil Jones
The 20-year-old centre half cost Manchester United £16.5m when they signed him from Blackburn in the summer of 2011 after just 35 league appearances.
Jones' appearance against Saints at Old Trafford earlier this week was his eighth league outing of this term.
Has won five senior England caps.

Jack Robinson
The 19-year-old Liverpool left back has made six appearances this term under Brendan Rodgers – but none in the Premier League.
Did make three PL appearances under Kenny Dalglish last season.

Luke Shaw
The youngest player in the squad for next week's friendly against Sweden, the Saints starlet, 17, has made a huge impression since his first Premier League start against Swansea last November.
Kept his place up until being dropped to the bench for Wednesday's defeat at Old Trafford, though he did appear in that game as a second half substitute.

Adam Smith
The 21-year-old Tottenham right back has made 94 league appearances, but only one for his parent club.
He is currently on loan at his sixth club, Millwall, having previously been farmed out to Wycombe, Torquay, Bournemouth, MK Dons and Leeds.
In his third game for Bournemouth in October 2010, Smith was sent off at St Mary's as Saints won a League 1 clash 2-0.

Andre Wisdom
The 19-year-old right back has made 18 first team appearances for Liverpool - all coming this season.
He scored on his debut for the Reds back in August in a Europa League outing against Swiss club Young Boys.

Nathaniel Chalobah
Only turned 18 last December, the Chelsea centre half has made a big impression this season during a loan spell at Championship club Watford.

Jordan Henderson
The midfielder, 22, cost Liverpool around £16m when they signed him from Sunderland in the summer of 2011.
He has emerged as a regular performer under Brendan Rodgers, scoring twice in his last three games against Norwich and Arsenal.
Has won five England senior caps.

Will Hughes
Despite not turning 18 until this April, the midfielder has been a regular in the Championship for Derby County this season.

Henri Lansbury
The 22-year-old midfielder joined Nottingham Forest for £1m from Arsenal last summer.
He once played under Nigel Adkins during a loan spell at Scunthorpe, and has also enjoyed loan spells at Norwich and Watford.

Jason Lowe
The Blackburn Rovers right back, 21, has been a regular in the Championship this season.

Josh McEachran
The 19-year-old Chelsea midfielder is currently on loan to Middlesbrough – one of 18 Chelsea players on loan.

Jonjo Shelvey
The 20-year-old Liverpool midfielder is closing in on his 100th league appearance.
Made his Football League debut for Charlton before moving to Anfield in a £1.7m deal in May 2010.
Has won one senior England international cap.

Raheem Sterling
The Liverpool winger was only 17 when he made his senior England international debut last November in Sweden.
Has only appeared in 25 Premier League games, of which all but three have come this season.

Benik Afobe
The 19-year-old striker has made 51 league appearances, though none of them for parent club Arsenal.
Instead, he has been loaned out to Huddersfield and Reading prior to a season long loan at Bolton this season.

Tom Ince
The 21-year-old former Liverpool trainee has impressed for Blackpool this season, scoring 15 goals in 30 appearances.
The son of ex-England star Paul, Tom has continually been linked with a move to the Premier League this term.

Connor Wickham
The 19-year-old cost Sunderland a cool £8.1m in the summer of 2011, yet has only scored once in six Premier League starts plus 17 off the bench.
The former Ipswich starlet is the main goal-getter for Stuart Pearce's England under-21s.

Wilfried Zaha
Nathaniel Clyne's former Crystal Palace colleague this week joined him in the Premier League when he signed for Manchester United in a deal potentially worth £15m.
Zaha is not a prolific scorer – he only netted five goals in 33 appearances for Palace this season and four of them came in two games in the first week of October.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

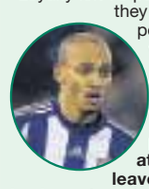
"All I can do is pray for them and hope they become better people" - **AZ Alkmaar striker Jozy Altidore reacts calmly to the racist abuse he suffered from Den Bosch fans in a Dutch cup game.**

"Neil Danns was shouting to me that his calves were cramping up and I shouted back 'that's good'. That's what I want - for players to come off with their tongues hanging out, all sweaty" - **Huddersfield caretaker boss Mark Lillis is pleased with the 1-0 win over Crystal Palace.**

"Some of the players got the French boys to sing in front of all of us. That got the banter going, a welcome to the group. They might have been a bit embarrassed about it, but fair play to them, they got up there without arguing. It was a French song, I couldn't really understand it. But I'm learning a bit and I'm going to get a French CD for the car!" - **Centre-back Steven Taylor welcomes Newcastle's French revolution.**

"Chris is just what we need. He's a monster. Great in the air, quick, a leader, strong, fantastic in both boxes, hard as nails. He's a proper centre-half." - **Harry Redknapp backs new signing Christopher Samba to make an impact in QPR's battle against the drop.**

"Loyalty left 70 per cent, the rest they stole out of my pocket thinking I was keeping money in there" - **West Brom striker Peter Odemwingie, pictured, reiterates his desire to leave the club after having a transfer request rejected.**



"West Brom was my home but this is a new chapter. I love West Brom and always will" - **A confident Odemwingie prepares to embark on a new career at QPR, only to be refused entry to Loftus Road by a club who knew nothing about his arrival in London.**

"In the end, the matter became a point of principle as much as anything. Peter has acted wholly unprofessionally. He must now accept the fact he remains under contract for a further 18 months and has to focus on his Albion commitments" - **West Brom chairman Jeremy Peace on Odemwingie's impromptu trip to London.**

"For sure I will remember my brilliant team-mates, the manager and all the supporters. They are the best, they were great with me and I will always have a very special place in my heart for City, it's a great club with a great future. I thank them for all of their support of me. Maybe one day we will see each other again" - **Mario Balotelli's message to Manchester City's supporters after completing his move to AC Milan.**



QK SOUTHAMPTON: Back row, left to right: Andy Stacey, Lee Gregory (captain), Dan Lace, Henry Rule, Matt Collison (manager) Lee Mitchell, Craig Fulford, Shane Gregory, Dane Pugh. Front: Bob Pearce, Adam Walsh, Ben Scarborough, Mitchell Wellesley-Davies, Ben Pearce, Alex Spence, Matt Carr, Jamie Salmon.

NETLEY BACK IN TOP SPOT...



BRAISHFIELD: Back row, left to right: Frank Hunt (asst manager), Dave Kemp, Andy Clarke, Craig Fielding, Dan Hansford, Lee Boyle, Andy Morey, Matt Payne (manager), Ross Boyle. Front: Nas Brora, Paul Tanner, Scott Shepherd, Ben Craggs (C), Marc Beston, Dan Collins, Andy Nutman.

DREW SMITH SOUTHAMPTON SUNDAY LEAGUE

JUST two Drew Smith Southampton Senior League matches beat the weather last weekend.

They were both in the Premier Division.

Netley Central Sports hosted Bishopstoke WMC in a match that was played as a tribute to Netley stalwart Grant Patterson, who sadly died recently.

Both teams wore black armbands and held a minute's silence.

Netley returned to the top of the table courtesy of a Ricky Bull double in a 2-0 victory.

The other match, between Comrades and Questmap, was a goal-fest which finished 4-4.

Mike Randall hit a hat-trick and Daryl Horsfall was also on target as Comrades took a 4-2 lead.

Questmap rallied to snatch a draw, Paul Boucher among the scorers with a penalty.

In the Junior Leagues struggling Forest Town Reserves recovered from a goal down to defeat Compton 3-2 with Lee Connor grabbing a brace and returning prodigal son Jake Voller completing their comeback.

The top two in the Junior Leagues clashed as leaders QK Southampton A needed a last minute penalty to deny second placed Langley Manor (who had two goals disallowed) victory after Ben Cook (2) and Matt Rodaway put them in control.

Bob Pearce, with two including the penalty, and Ben Scarborough were the QK scorers.

AFC Gulf Western demolished Bricklayers 12-0 with goals from Emmett Madden (4), Sam McStay (2), Dave Jones (2) and Scott Brown (2) among the scorers.

Gulf Western's main rivals did themselves no favours as Bitterne and Warsash shared six goals.

Bitterne led 3-1, including a double from Elliott Walker, before a penalty converted by Chris Rose and manager Andy Valente equalised late on for Wasps.

In Junior 4, Chandler's Ford's poor form continued as they crashed 4-0 at emerging Applewood Joinery with Sam Boutle netting twice.

Two of the Junior League Trophy games resulted in 4-3 wins.

West Totton defeated Braishfield after the game opened at breakneck speed, West Totton leading 3-1 within 15 minutes.

Braishfield staged a fightback, after going 4-1 down, which proved in vain.

Capital defeated Infinity Reserves 4-3 after extra time with goals from Rich Frost (2), Anthony Palmier and Andy Penson.

Wellington defeated Inmar 2-0 thanks to goals from Craig Harding and Steve Porter.

In the Vase, Priory Rovers hit Good Companions for six including a Chris Schuring double.

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'Holt are gone for a Burton

HAYWARD BOURNEMOUTH SATURDAY LEAGUE

TOM Edwards netted for Alderholt Reserves but their unbeaten record was ruined when Hayward Bournemouth Division 6 promotion rivals AFC Burton Reserves ambushed them 2-1 with goals from Dave Horgan and Ben Collie.

Ringwood Athletic stay top on goal difference from Burton after Billy Langley and Elliott Peck clinched a 2-0 success against Parkstone Athletic.

Redhill Rangers Reserves complete a trio on 22 points after 5-1 triumph over Fordingbridge Turks Reserves with goals from Toby Saunders, Stanley Elad, Jamie Morgan, Nathan Answer, and Mike Copson.

Matt Vining scored all three goals in Milford Reserves' 3-2 win over Ferndown Sports A.

Boldre Royals and Everton & Lymington Argyle cancelled each other out in a 4-4 draw. Liam Black, Rob Crouch, Adam Nash and Jake Rose were the Boldre marksmen with Dean Drodge, Paul Cole, Alex Duvall, and an own goal replying.

Skipper Gareth Barnes struck twice when Sway opened up a three point lead at the top of the Premier Division with a 3-0 victory over Mudeford Mens Club.

Portcastrian remain in contention after River Smith (2) and Tim Constable gave them a 3-1 win against Bournemouth Poppies.

Hamworthy Recreation put paid to Old Oakmeadians 4-0 thanks to Gary Vincent (2), Keiran Mulvey, and an own goal.

Ryan Cox netted for Redlynch & Woodfalls United, but they remain bottom without a point after fellow strugglers Allendale gave them a 6-1 drubbing courtesy of Matt Grimason, George Knijff, and Dave Wrixton's four-goal blast.

Craig Mowlam struck for Harrington United but Ferndown Sports are just a point adrift of Division 1 leaders Richmond Park Con after Darren Facer, James Morris, and Charlie Field ensured a 3-1 success.

Bournemouth Electric A go back on top of Division 2 after their 6-1 triumph over Bournemouth Manor Reserves through Sean McCoy, Steve Flynn, Daniel Taylor, Adrian Pavey, and an own goal.

Ben Harris, Luke Walker, and Digby Samson gave third placed Bisterne United a 3-2 verdict against New Milton Linnets.

Mploy are hot on Bisterne's heels after Tom Flynn, Matty Cox, and Ryan Nippard scuppered tailenders Westover Bournemouth Reserves 3-1.

Robin Tennant netted for Fordingbridge Turks but St Mary's won 2-1 thanks to Sam Fudge and Stuart Beer.

AFC Pennington extended their lead at the top of Division 3 when Stuart Sims (2), Danny Veal, and Paul Sims gave them a 4-3 win against nearest rivals Mudeford Mens Club Reserves.



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Hitman Brad on the goal trail for QP

HAYWARD BOURNEMOUTH SUNDAY LEAGUE

BRADLEY Aspin made it seven goals from his last two outings when he rattled in four in Queens Park's 6-1 triumph over Christchurch Royals.

The reigning Hayward Bournemouth Premier League champions raced to a six-goal half time lead, Trevor Griffin and an own goal adding to their tally.

But Royals stemmed the flow of goals after the break and replied through Dan Seymour.

Danny Young struck for tailenders Priory Quays as they lost 3-1 to Queens Park Rovers through Jake Ormond (2) and Callum Booker.

Ryan Woolfenden bagged a hat-trick as Vienna Windows closed the gap on the leading pair in Division 1 with a 4-1 victory over Verwood SSC.

Stuart Marshall was the other Vienna scorer with Ben Britnell replying from the penalty spot.

At the other end of the table, Kenny Wilson, Shaun Brazier and Phil Budden netted for Bournemouth Athletic in a 4-3 loss to Kavell (Jonathan Mackie 2, Paul Cavendish, Billy Cooper).

AFC Burton picked up their first point of the season in Division 2 when Shane Abbott and Mike Phillips earned them a 2-2 draw with Barton Wanderers, Ashley Booker and Joe Turner replying.

Toby Williams' hat-trick proved decisive when Victoria Cross beat Oakdale Con 4-2 to go level on points with Division 3 pacesetters AFC Ringwood.

Sam Thompson also netted with Robbie Cook and Sam Claydon (pen) replying.

Dave Cavill struck for Bournemouth Sports but promotion contenders AFC Stourvale won 3-1 thanks to Christopher Lane, Steve Lane, and Ben Sullivan.

Royal Mail Bournemouth take over on top of Division 4 despite being held 2-2 by bottom placed Harbourside.

Richard Moreton and Alex Branicki were the Royal Mail marksmen with Nick Collins and Martin Smith replying.

Martyn MacKinlay and Dean Barter struck for Ace but Fordingbridge Turks won 3-2 with goals from Robin Tennant (2) and Thomas Moseley.

Anthony Cappalonga (2), Luke Brown and Savas Tosun gave Townsend Spartans a 4-2 success against Magpies. James Carter and Charlie Lewis replied.

Muscliffe are the new leaders of Division 5 after Alex Rankin, Tom Rickman and Alex Hurlock put paid to A&T Athletic 3-1. Jamie Tuvey replied.

Leighton Speechley-Price and George Snudden struck for Tuakana, but their hopes of getting back top were dashed when Carling Sports won 5-2 with goals from Steve Rogers (2), Rich Sainsbury (2) and Ben Collie.

Dan Hollis netted for Grove Tavern, but Kyle Fitzsimmons earned Shamrock a 1-1 Division 6 draw.

AFC Dean Park replace James & James in fourth in Division 7 after Ryan Glasspool, Dean Iles and Ryan Weekes saw them win 3-2 in an excellent game at James&James. Alf Alkushi and Mike Hills replied.

Broadstone Con were also 3-2 winners when Lloyd Joyce, James Oliver, and Elliot Smith accounted for Seabournes, Mike Conniff and Rob Johnson replying.

Rushmere's revival continued in Division 8, chalking up their fourth win in five outings by hammering bottom placed Horse & Jockey 8-0.

Kevin Hennessey (3), Dean Brown (2), Paul Lewis, Curtis Taylor, and an own goal netted.

James Blackburn's hat-trick for Sports Cuts was to no avail when JP Morgan won 4-3 thanks to Paul Gibbs (2), Craig Whittaker, and Dean Collins.

England are too strong for Scotland

CAPTAIN Chris Robshaw raised the Calcutta Cup to the night sky after a 38-18 England victory over Scotland which was nowhere near as spectacular as the record win against New Zealand in the autumn.

But it was a win. A crucial win. A ruthless win which gets their RBS 6 Nations challenge of to an encouraging start

Yes, the Scots, under new interim coach Scott Johnson, will take some heart too from the passion and spirit they demonstrated, not to mention two stirring tries from debut boy Sean Maitland and full-back Stuart Hogg.

Nevertheless, they were still sent home to think again with the realisation that they have won only four times at Rugby HQ in the history of the oldest fixture in international rugby.

They never looked likely to improve on that record as tries from Chris Ashton, Billy Twelvetrees, Geoff Parling and Danny Care saw England to a win which demonstrated the power of Stuart Lancaster's side, but also the room for improvement.

Let's face it - the Scots are not the toughest side England will face over the next two months. They might well be the weakest.

Scotland did not earn a point in last year's championship and have not won at Twickenham for 30 years. They have a generation of players who must feel as if they have been born with a wooden spoon in their mouths.

Yet for long periods, especially in the first half, it did not seem that way. That is something on which Lancaster must ponder.

Scotland did what they are traditionally best at. They harried. They pressurised. They disrupted the England line-out where Richie Gray's blond mop stood out like a snow-topped Highland mountain.

Captain Kelly Brown and Johnnie Beattie were everywhere, spoiling England's bid to gain possession. England seemed intent on helping out with errors of their own, Twelvetrees knocking on and passes generally going astray.

Why, Scotland even scored the first try, cashing in on England diffidence when winger Mike Brown failed to find touch and then all but waved by rampaging fullback Hogg who set up the attack which culminated with debut Scottish wing Maitland touching down in the corner.

That would have stung England, a side who pride themselves on their secure defence. In that sense it was not a bad try to concede.

Much had been made of the possibility of England complacency after their magical triumph against the All Blacks last time out.

Much had been said, mainly by former Scotland coach Jim Telfer, about English "arrogance". In truth, there was none of that on display.

The bottom line, however, is that Lancaster's side are a better team. A much better team. Not the finished article yet, not by a long way, but a side with firepower all over the pitch.

They also possess Owen Farrell - a fly-half who is rapidly proving to be a world-class playmaker and a phenomenal goal-kicker.

Farrell, deservedly the man of the match, kept edging England into the lead with four penalties in the first half and, when wing Ashton used his strength to burrow over after half an hour, the daylight between the teams began to dawn.

Even so, at 19-11 down at half-time the Scots would have been relatively satisfied.

Satisfaction rapidly turned to frustration immediately after the interval when Twelvetrees ran powerfully on to a short pass and bulldozed his way over for his first try for his country. The smart money says there will be many more because the ball skills and elusive running of Twelvetrees look the perfect foil for centre Manu Tuilagi when he returns from injury.

It would be wrong to say the Scots gave up after that. They didn't, but they were outclassed as the England machine, lubricated by the increasing lead, began to purr along.

Joe Launchbury touched down, only to see it ruled out for an earlier high tackle, but then came the pass of the game, Farrell floating out a long ball for second row Parling to run in surely one of the easiest tries of his career.

The match was over as a contest but that did not stop Scotland coming up with a typically opportunist try-of-the-game move, running the ball from their own line for Hogg to hunt down a long punt and crash over.

Somehow it seemed to sum up Scotland - long on style and short on substance.

By contrast, England appear to possess plenty of both.

Sisi is tipped for

Former Tottonians star is one to watch ahead of the 2015 Rugby World Cup

BIG name rugby stars from the south coast have been few and far between.

In the last few years we have had Mike Brown and Anthony Allen playing for the elite England squad, ***writes JOEL STOCKER.***

But David Sisi, born and bred in Totton, is beginning to make marked progress within the English rugby scene.

Last year the London Irish back row player represented his country at the Junior Rugby World Cup in South Africa.

Now he has been selected again to represent the England Under-20s.

The Southampton-born boy, who began his rugby career playing at Tottonians RFC, is relishing the opportunity.

"It is such an honour to play for your country, at any level, and I can't wait to play my part when my chance comes," he said.

Growing up in Totton with mum Barbara, stepdad Alan and brother Adam, he always showed a keen interest in sport.

Whether playing in goal for his local football team, or representing his swimming club at regular competitions, David always strived to compete.

"I've always nurtured my boys to play sport," explained Barbara.

"When David was swimming I got up at half past five in the morning to get him to the pool four to five times a week.

"I enjoyed watching him enjoy himself so much in sport, and that was the greatest thing for me."

Beginning rugby in his early teens, David first caught the eye of his secondary school teacher, Scott Bryant, at Hounsdown Comprehensive School in Totton.

"It was around the age of 14 when it was obvious David was developing into a very good player," he explained.

"As he got older he wasn't just dominating games because of his size. Aged 16 it became clear that he had a chance of making it.

"His enthusiasm towards the game and his desire to improve began to shine through and it was at this point I nominated him for Hampshire trials."

Whilst at school David was encouraged to join his local club, Tottonians RFC.

"I learned my trade at Totts – basic skills, rules of the game and all things that underpin rugby," David recalled.

"Things that you need personally, going forwards.

"They were my first club and they put me on the path I'm on now."

Gavin Williams, Tottonians' head coach, spoke highly of David's time at the club.

"David started to show real potential in his young teens and he was selected to represent Hampshire at various stages," he recalled.

"It was in his later teens that he showed his true



SILVERWARE: David Sisi, left, with the spoils of success after helping England win the 2012 Youth 6 nations title.

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the top

potential and was identified by London Irish.

"At Totts, we have always placed an emphasis on developing the person as much as the rugby player and the fact David has gone so far is a great source of pride for the club."

Being noticed by London Irish propelled David's career.

He joined St Pauls Catholic College, in Sunbury on Thames, signing onto their AASE scheme (Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence).



This allowed him to study his chosen subjects along with an NVQ in Sporting Excellence, the equivalent of 2 A Levels.

Giselle Mathers, who worked with David, explained the importance of the scheme.

"The AASE scheme targets those who have the potential to play at the elite end of the game.

"It is a three-tiered framework supporting the boys in both their rugby and academic development."

Through this initiative David went on to captain the London Irish AASE team and also represent London Irish in the Aviva A league.

"At 16 years of age I moved away from home," David went on.

"It was during these two years that my rugby development grew the most.

"I have to thank Giselle Mathers and Andre Quin for the parts they played.

"Giselle had the biggest influence on my development. Under her guidance I went from a county B team player to AASE Captain, England Under18 international and one of the youngest players ever to debut for London Irish, coming off the bench against Sale Sharks.

"Her success with the players and teams she has worked with speaks for itself."

As David is still only 19 and having already achieved so much, one would not be surprised to see his name on the senior England team sheet in years to come.

With England hosting the World Cup in 2015, David is in real contention to be part of the world's biggest rugby tournament on home soil.

"I'm really excited about the World Cup coming to England," he enthused. "As for playing in it, I'll just work hard on the 'here and now' and see where I am in 2015."

And it's the 'here and now' that is proving very rewarding.

Having gained seven caps for the England U20s, and again achieving selection for their 6 Nations campaign, David is currently recovering from injury but aiming to be part of the squad for the game against France in a fortnight's time.



FLASHBACK: David Sisi, fifth left in back row, pictured in a Tottonians team picture in 2008/09 and, top of page, in action for them.

Ireland off to a flying start with Wales win

Ireland beat reigning RBS 6 Nations champions Wales 30-22 in a pulsating six-try encounter as they announced their title credentials at the Millennium Stadium.

First-half tries by wing Simon Zebo, on his first Six Nations appearance, and prop Cian Healy helped put daylight between the teams before imperious centre Brian O'Driscoll touched down shortly after the break.

Wales, 30-3 down and facing humiliation, stirred through touchdowns from wing Alex Cuthbert, full-back Leigh Halfpenny and substitute prop Craig Mitchell during a frantic second period when Ireland saw hooker Rory Best and scrum-half Conor Murray sin-binned.

But they ultimately left themselves with far too much to do as Ireland, despite playing almost the entire second period inside their own half, scored 30 points in Cardiff for the first time since 2001.



ON THE BALL: Simon Zebo leads an attack for Ireland.

They condemned Wales to an eighth successive defeat – and a fifth Millennium Stadium reversal on the bounce – with interim head coach Rob Howley still searching for a first win against another Test-playing country.

Wales must now pick themselves up for a trip to Paris next Saturday, where title favourites France await, but yet again they were punished for failing to leave their starting blocks until it was way too late.

Such sluggishness proved a trait of Wales' four-Test autumn campaign this season, and Ireland needed no second invitation to capitalise, deservedly winning despite conceding 19 unanswered points after the 43rd minute.

It was Wales' first Six Nations loss since March 2011, but Ireland, in contrast, now have critical momentum that could drive them all the way to silverware in a tournament they last won four years ago.

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THERE is little point making the comparison, but I will make it anyway.

For finishing third in the most punishing sporting event on planet earth, Alex Thomson earnt £64,000.

That is a lot of money, granted, in an economic climate where money is tight for an increasing amount of people.

But Thomson has just put his life on the line for almost three months in his ultimately successful bid to finish the Vendee Globe round the world yacht race for the first time.

The Gosport-based sailor crossed the finishing line off the French port of Les Sables on Wednesday morning, exactly 80 days since he left it early last November.

Since then, he had been alone at sea, sailing his HUGO BOSS boat on his own through some of the most treacherous seas in the world.

Put another way, he earnt £800 a day.

Eight hundred pounds a day, for the pleasure of hardly sleeping, eating nothing resembling a proper cooked meal, and facing weather conditions that could kill him.

Compared to our top footballers, who wouldn't get out of bed for that sort of wage, £800 a day is not that much for what Thomson, competing at the elite end of his chosen sport, has endured.

Another Hampshire sailor, Mike Golding, will probably finish sixth – over a week after Frenchman Francois Gabart won the Vendee – and he will bank around £25,000.

Say he finishes in 86 days, that works out at just under £300 a day.

That is not much for a day's work, not when that day's work involves piloting a boat in near hurrricane winds on your own and thousands of miles from land, dry or otherwise.

The more I read about the Vendee, the more I am taken aback by the scale of Thomson's achievement this week.

The more you should be taken aback.

As I started off saying, it is unfair to compare Thomson's Vendee prize money to Carlos Tevez's weekly wage.

Millions of people around the globe know who Tevez is, and millions of people are willing to pay lots of money to Manchester City and Sky to watch him and others like him kick a football.

If there was a billion pound plus deal in place to show Ocean racing – and millions watched their races live on TV – then Thomson, Golding et al could realistically demand more from their sponsors and in prize money.

Alex Thomson could walk through the streets of Southampton and Portsmouth and hardly be recognised, which seems unfair given how good he is in his chosen sport.

But that is life. That is how it always has been, and probably always will be.

If you asked 10 friends at random 'who are Pete Goss and Tony Bullimore?' I grant you only a few, if any, would know.

Yet their achievements are legendary in sailing, and deserve a wider audience.

Back in 1997, Goss and Bullimore were competing in the third Vendee event.

Goss became a national hero overnight for his dramatic rescue of fellow competitor Raphael Dinelli.

Wrecking his own chances of winning the race, Goss turned his boat Aqua Quorum around and sailed for two days into storm-force winds to reach Dinelli, whose boat had capsized and sunk.

Back then, there wasn't the technology that is now available to Thomson and Golding.

There was no internet, no emails, no mobile phones.



GREAT TO BE BACK: Alex Thomson holds son Oscar as he finishes the Vendee Globe race on Wednesday morning. Below – Thomson lights a flare on his return to Las Sables.

Instead, Pete Goss had a radio and a fax machine and that was how he received news of Dinelli's distress call.

Sending a fax to his own wife to tell her he was about to turn around into the teeth of a hurricane, Goss went in search of Dinelli.

Eventually he found the Frenchman, who had somehow survived for 48 hours in a life raft.

After having his life saved, Dinelli used Goss' fax machine to send his girlfriend a marriage proposal.

Thankfully she accepted – Dinelli would have been a tad gutted had she said 'no' – and Goss was best man at the wedding.

They have since competed together as co-skippers in the Transatlantic Jacques Vabre Race in 1997, winning in their class.

Goss was later awarded the MBE by HM The Queen and the Legion d'Honneur by the French President for his actions.

Goss probably, almost certainly, did not consider his actions anything out of the ordinary.

That is what sailors do. They go to each other's rescue.

Thomson and Golding know that all too well. A few years ago the latter rescued the former.

It is an unwritten rule. You help each other



FLYING THE FLAG: Alex Thomson, Sam Davies and Mike Golding, the three Brits who started the Vendee last November. Only Thomson has finished so far. Davies withdrew after a week and Golding is still competing.

when crisis strikes. And in something like the Vendee, crisis can sometimes never be far away.

Though Dinelli's race was over, Goss still carried on.

There was more drama to come when he ruptured muscles in an already painful and swollen elbow.

Without anaesthetic and following basic instructions from a surgeon over the radio, Goss sanitised a scalpel, cut into the flesh and drained off the excess liquid.

Ouch!

Finally, 126 days and 21 hours after leaving the start line, Goss finished.

That time was enough to see him establish a new record as the fastest Briton to sail single handedly around the world.

Compare that to Thomson's new record of 80 days – 46 days quicker than Goss – set earlier this week.

As for Bullimore, his 1996/97 Vendee wasn't without major incident either.

His boat Exide Challenger capsized in early January 1997 and the Brit was feared dead.

The Royal Australian Navy launched a rescue mission for Bullimore and another capsized competitor, Thierry Dubois.

Bullimore, though, was alive and managed to survive in an air pocket in the upside-down boat in pitch darkness.

He had lost almost all his food supplies, and the only thing he had left was a bar of chocolate.

Four days after capsizing, Bullimore was located by the Australian authorities, and crew members from HMAS Adelaide rescued him.

We all love a happy ending, and they don't come much happier than those two tales.

But not everyone is so fortunate.

Canadian Gerry Roufs also started the 1996/97 Vendee, but didn't finish – his boat also capsized and he was lost at sea.

In the previous Vendee, in 1992/93, two other sailors had drowned.

Nigel Burgess, the first Englishman to ever enter the race, was lost at sea, his body eventually found in the Bay of Biscay, while American Mike Plant never even made the startline.

Harrowing

Those harrowing stories needed to be remembered as the plaudits poured in to Thomson on Wednesday morning.

For they sum up just how tough the Vendee Globe is.

It doesn't come much tougher than losing your own life, does it?

Thomson was the third Brit to claim a podium place in the Vendee.

Golding also finished third in 2004/05, while Ellen McArthur started to etch her name into the almanac of sailing legends by finishing second in her first Vendee in 2000/01.

At 24, she had been the youngest person ever to take part in the race.

On a much lower level of sailing, I took part in the Around the Island race three years ago.

I was part of a crew assigned to a professional sailor for the annual mid-summer jaunt around the Isle of Wight.

I was amazed how physically strong you need to be to manage all the sail changes, etc.

That's before you even consider the technical know-how every sailor must learn.

For those of us who just about manage to steer a Pedalo around Center Parcs' boating lake without running aground, it is incredibly hard to comprehend what the likes of Thomson have put themselves through in the last few months.

On their own, in at times horrendous weather conditions, battling the elements, their competitors, needing to make emergency boat repairs whatever the time of day, in rain or shine.

The sport of sailing does not often appear in the pages of the *Sports Pink*, where football dominates for most of the year and there is always a healthy amount of cricket.

Those are the main two sports that take place in this area, and that's why we fill the pages with them.

But now and again a sporting story emerges which needs as wide an audience as possible.

Sailing, to coin a phrase, might not float your boat.

That is absolutely fine.

It doesn't float mine either.

But I do know a good story when I see it, and I do know who deserves as much praise as possible.

It is the Vendee Globe fleet, and I hope you are now in as much awe of them as I.



VENDEE LEGEND: Pete Goss.

Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



Watson: Shane has big issues

AUSTRALIA vice-captain Shane Watson says Shane Warne has "got a few issues" with the hierarchy at Cricket Australia.

Warne used Twitter to launch a scathing on attack on Cricket Australia's management this week, calling them "muppets" who are turning Australian cricket into a "joke" by resting their best players.

But Watson believes the outburst was largely due to the fines Cricket Australia had given to the 43-year-old Melbourne Stars captain during this season's Big Bash League.

Warne was fined 9,500 Australian dollars in total for two separate incidents during the 2012-13 tournament.

"Warney's obviously got a few issues with the hierarchy at the moment with some of the things that happened during the Big Bash," Watson said of his former Hampshire colleague.

"Obviously he's got his own thoughts on what's going on and what happened in the last few weeks during his last few games in the Big Bash."



SHANE WATSON

Warne also criticised Cricket Australia's selection policy, but Watson believes the selectors are only doing what's best for the players.

"In the end there's no doubt that the people who are involved in Cricket Australia are certainly trying to do the best job that they possibly can and are trying to support the players as much as they possibly can as well," he said.

"That's all you can ask for as a player, is them doing their absolute best they possibly can, so if you know they're there doing the best they can for the players that's all that matters."

In a series of tweets , Warne wrote: "I think CA really need to look at the people who are making decisions on all facets of cricket in Australia, we r seriously becoming a joke!

"Absolute rubbish re selections,rotations,resting & farcical decisions on matches, joke.. Dudding the public & to many excuses.. Wake up CA.

"Can CA please put current cricket people in charge to run the game,select teams, not ex rugby or any other sports people plse, seriously !!!

"We have the best batsmen / captain in the world in [Michael Clarke] - He needs current cricket people to help him out not muppets !!!"

There's no keeping Warney quiet...



HE might have retired from the Test scene six years ago, but it's hard to keep Shane Warne quiet in his native Australia.

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The former Hampshire captain proposed sweeping changes at the top of Australian cricket, singling out rotation as one of the biggest issues he believes is holding back the national team.

The retired leg-spinner first posted a series of tweets, criticising aspects of Cricket Australia's structure and policies.

Warne, widely regarded as one of the best players in Australia's history, then further aired his grievances in a lengthy blog published on his official website.

"The next 12 months is the biggest 12 months of cricket for the Australian cricket team in a long, long time," he said.

"If we do nothing now, we will be where we were 30 years ago.

"There needs to be urgent action and a new strategy/plan put in place.

"The current set up is not working, as the results are showing! What are our world rankings in all forms?"

To answer his question, Australia are third in both the official Test and ODI rankings.

Surprisingly, though, they are down to seventh out of 11 countries in the t20 rankings.

Only New Zealand, Bangladesh, Ireland and Zimbabwe are below them in the log.

Warne has run foul of Cricket Australia twice this summer, being fined 9,500 Australian dollars (£6,300) and banned for one match due to transgressions committed while playing for Melbourne Stars in the Big Bash League.

While he has been accused of having an agenda against the governing body, the 43-year-old found a favourable audience by seizing on the contentious issue of player rotation as one of his chief complaints.

CA's stated policy of resting players to avoid injury and fatigue has drawn widespread criticism from former players, despite being commonplace in other national set-ups.

For example, Test captain Michael Clarke was left out of the first two ODIs against Sri Lanka in order to give him a rest.

Matthew Wade and David Warner, who had also played in all six Tests against South Africa and Sri Lanka, were also rested for the same period.

Warne also called for CA to choose the same 11 players across Tests, one-day internationals and Twenty20 international cricket. "A simple criteria is pick your best team and stick with it in all forms. Chopping and changing leads to insecurity," he said. "Players then start to look out for themselves and over their shoulder, this breeds selfishness.

"It's also why rotation and resting players will never work.

"I believe the players should be united, take ownership of this, it's a very powerful and strong message to send to CA."

Australia's recent international teams have shown little consistency across all three formats.

Of the starting XI in their most recent t20 against Sri Lanka, six had never played Test cricket – captain George Bailey, Glenn Maxwell, Aaron Finch, Adam Voges, James Faulkner and Ben Laughlin.

The latter has only played seven first class games in his career.

Of the Australian ODI side that played the fifth game of the recent series against Sri Lanka, there were two players who weren't in the t20 or Test side – David Hussey and Moises Henriques.

But how many countries' limited overs teams mirror their Test XI?

Sri Lanka's certainly don't.

Their XI for the second t20 international against Australia contained only four players who appeared in the third Test against the same country a few weeks earlier.

They were Dinesh Chandimal, Mahela Jayawardene, Tillakaratne Dilshan and Angelo Mathews.

England's recent limited overs side bore little comparison to the one they fielded in Tests in India.

Their top ODI three of captain Alistair Cook, Ian Bell and Kevin Pietersen have been regular Test players for years now.

But after that, only bowlers such as Graeme Swann, James Anderson and Stuart Broad are shoe-ins for Tests and limited overs.

Warne went on: "Cricket is a simple game.

"Sure it has room and a place for scientific research and current technology, which can help learn about an opponent, but not instead of using your cricket brain.

"Together they can work hand in hand.

"Technology can help in recovery, but so can sleep and a common sense approach to recovery.

"It's time to go back to basics."

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Hampshire Cricket Spotlight



Kat: James is a star in the making



SIMON KATICH

LORD'S WINNER: James Vince, right, celebrates Hampshire's CB40 success against Warwickshire last summer.

HAMPSHIRE batsman James Vince has been tipped to shine ahead of England Lion's tour of Australia.

Vince, who turns 22 in March, has been named in the Lions squad for the tour, which starts on February 7 with a game against Victoria 2nds, ***writes AHMER KHOKHAR.***

The Lions tour presents a big opportunity for Vince, who will be making his first international appearance for over three years, to hammer a message to the national selectors.

One man who believes that Vince's game is well suited to the conditions he will experience in the next few weeks is his former Ageas Bowl team-mate Simon Katich.

"James is a very clean striker of the ball and loves to attack," said the ex-Australian Test star. "He is very dangerous at the top of the order in one-dayers and 20/20.

"He definitely has the talent to play for England in the shorter forms of the game and his performances for Hampshire have been excellent in helping the club win trophies.

"In four-day cricket he needs to get more consistency and that'll come once he finds the right balance between his natural attacking game and being able to defend better when conditions are in the bowler's favour.

"He is very good in the field, runs well between the wickets and is a handy bowler in English conditions.

"He has a huge future in the game if he keeps learning and applying himself well.

"I am a big fan.

"He has played in Australia before in club cricket so he will know what to expect in our conditions.

"His game is well suited to our conditions because he likes the ball coming onto the bat.

"I expect him to do very well on the Lions tour of Australia as he is quite experienced now for a young batsman."

Vince is no stranger to England international calls. He played two under-19 Tests against Bangladesh in July 2009, at Scarborough and Derby.

Vince scored 22 and 16 not out as England won the first Test by 10 wickets.

Star performer was Leicestershire batsman Joshua Cobb, who scored a double century in England's first innings, while Vince's county colleague Hamza Riazuddin hit 95 batting at no 8.

Riazuddin was skippering an England side which also featured a third Hampshire player, seam bowler Chris Wood.

All three Royals also played in the Test at Derby, where Vince contributed 21 and 37 in a drawn encounter.

In addition, and befitting a player with a better one day reputation than a first class one, Vince also appeared in 16 England under-19 ODIs.

He was a regular in the England team which competed in the under-19 World Cup in January 2010, hitting 76 not out against Hong Kong and 47 not out against Afghanistan in his first two tournament games.

Hampshire colleague Danny Briggs was also in the England side for that tournament, as was Jos Buttler and Joe Root who have also gone on to play for the senior England side since those days three years ago.

If Vince has a future in any of the England senior teams, his best route appears to be the limited overs ones.

He will enter the 2013 season with a slightly disappointing average, for someone of his obvious takent, of 31.53.

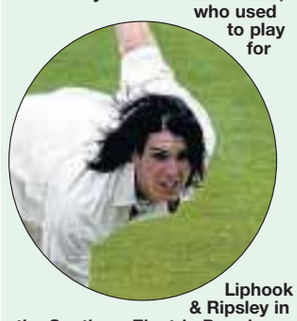
In 86 first class innings, he has passed 50 just 12 times – scoring five hundreds and seven fifties.

Compare that to his limited overs average of 38.59, including two centuries and eight half-centuries.

Vince's two tons for Hampshire were his career best 131 against Scotland in 2011 and his unbeaten 102 against Nottinghamshire last summer.

Wright stuff for England

FORMER Hampshire club cricketer Chris Wright, below, will be joining James Vince in the England Lions squad for the forthcoming tour of Australia. The 27-year-old seam bowler, who used to play for



Liphook & Ripsley in the Southern Electric Premier League, is one of three Warwickshire players chosen.

Lions squad:
James Taylor (Notts, captain)
Gary Ballance (Yorkshire)
Scott Borthwick (Durham)
Varun Chopra (Warwickshire)
Rikki Clarke (Warwickshire)
Matthew Coles (Kent)
Ben Foakes (Essex)
Alex Hales (Nottinghamshire)
Simon Kerrigan (Lancashire)
Stuart Meaker (Surrey)
Craig Overton (Somerset)
Toby Roland-Jones (Middlesex)
Ben Stokes (Durham)
Reece Topley (Essex)
James Vince (Hampshire)
Chris Wright (Warwickshire)

Hampshire spinner Danny Briggs was initially selected for the tour, but on January 25 he was forced to withdraw after suffering a sprained ankle.

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Feb 11: Victoria, Junction Oval
Feb 13: Victoria, MCG
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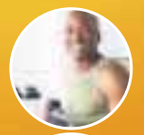
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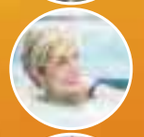
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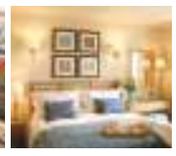
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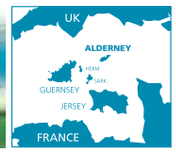
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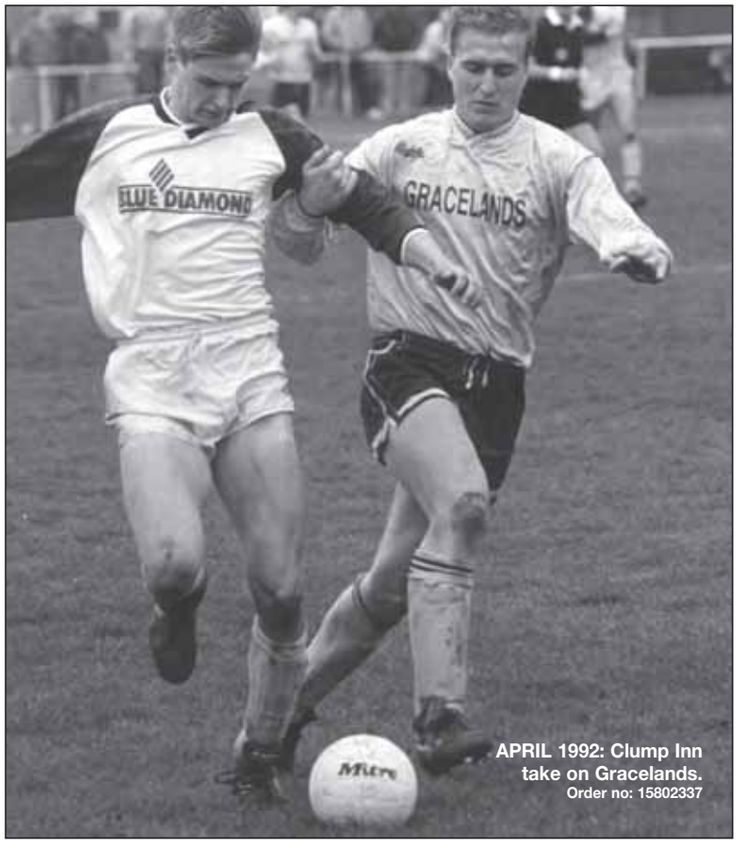


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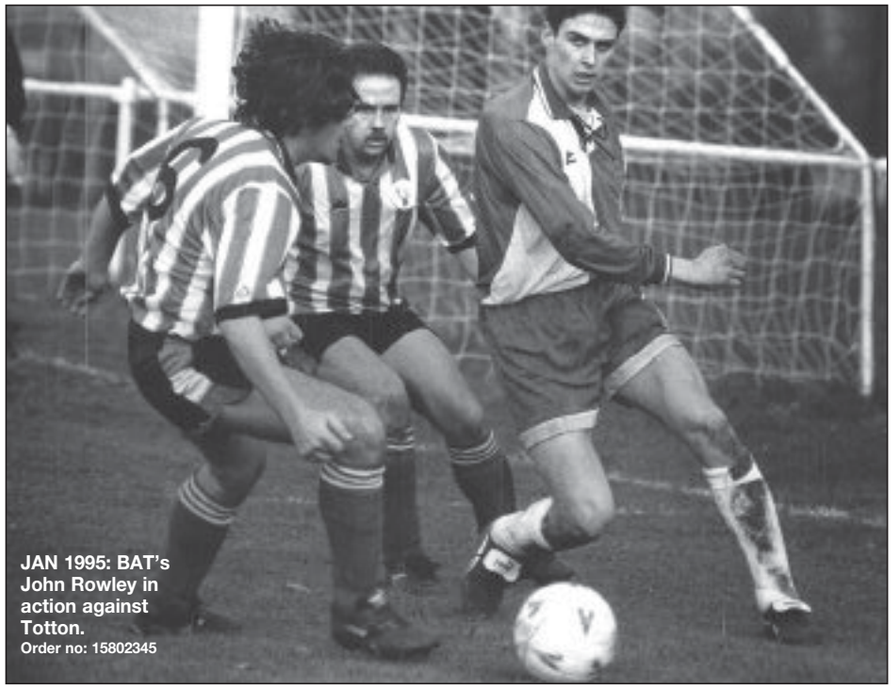
APRIL 1992: Clump Inn take on Gracelands.
Order no: 15802337



FEB 1996: Station's Rob Phillips fails to stop Hightown's Steve Gay. Order no: 15802290



NOV 1996: Bishopstoke's Colin Zaczyk takes on Romsey defender Stuart Kenna.
Order no: 15802384



JAN 1995: BAT's John Rowley in action against Totton.
Order no: 15802345



APRIL 1993: Cowes Sports. Back row, left to right: Pete Young, Paul Young, Dale Young, Kevin McArthur, John Simpkins, Steve Ryan, Steve Rickets, Leon Backshall and Dave Winter. Front: James Lawrence, Clifford Marks, Trevor Cooke, John Beard, Dougal Williamson and Mark Burbage. Order no: 15802470



MAY 1983: Sholing show off their silverware. Back row, left to right: Steve Barnes, Mark Barber, Trevor Roberts, Paul Brown, Julian Martin, Bob French and Martin Dowding. Front: Malc Jones, Kevin Randall, Kevin Roberts, Terry Morton and Ian Bampton.

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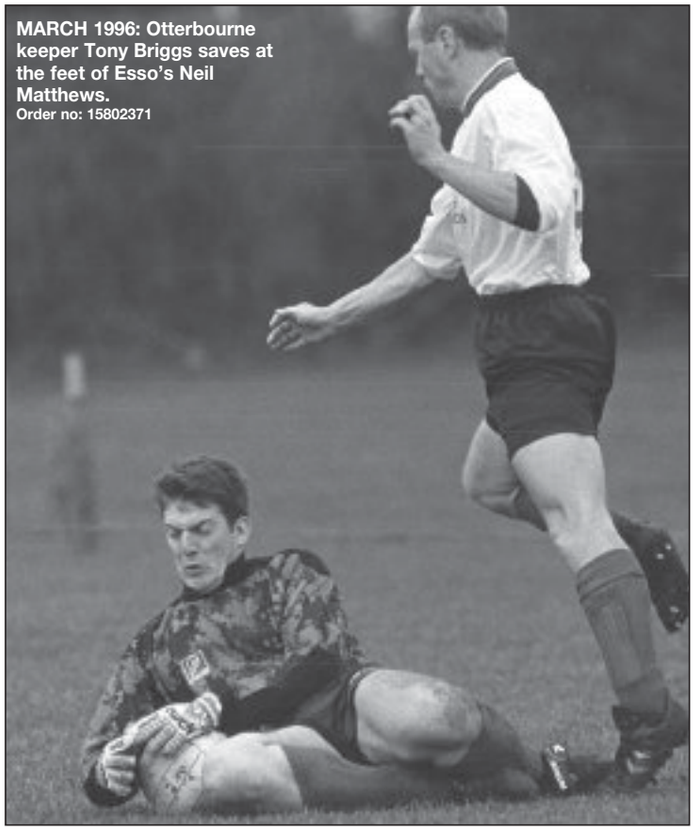
DATE UNKNOWN: Eastleigh's Kevin White in action against Totton.
Order no: 15802488



DATE UNKNOWN: Woolston skipper Tony Slack receives the City of Southampton Sunday League Premier Division trophy from league chairman Roy Dawson. Order no: 15802273



MARCH 1995: Salisbury City's Ian Chalk in action against Poole. Order no: 15802319



MARCH 1996: Otterbourne keeper Tony Briggs saves at the feet of Esso's Neil Matthews.
Order no: 15802371



APRIL 1970: New Forest Football League winners Gorley FC. Back row, left to right: J Croft, R Clarke, M Horridge, D Fells, K Hann, R Frampton, I Ferrett and B Simpson. Front: A Joy, J White, M hann, C Lawrence and J Gogan. Order no: 15802410



MAY 1993: Cowes celebrate winning the Hampshire League's Trophyman Cup.
Order no: 15802301

Scare are they now



MARCH 1978: Brendon under-14s. Back row, from left: Anton Donnarumma, Peter Doncom, Paul Rideout, Maurice Smallwood, Mark Lovett, Derek Holloway and David Rodaway. Front: Clive Stanton, Nigel Spafford, Stuart Gates, Peter Trueman, David Lawrence and Raymond Bennett. Order no: 15802231



DATE UNKNOWN: Spire Boys. Back row, from left: Nick Voce, Luke Haviland, Clinton Elliott, Daniel Smith, Shaun Hall, Nick Burton and Doug Whitlock. Front: William Cranmer, David Welsh, Matthew Baker, Elliot Wykes, Josh Weeks and Adam Grigg. Order no: 15802207



DATE UNKNOWN: Olivers Battery. Back row, from left: Stuart Longster, Daniel Wells, Simon Stanko, Scott Pigott, Adam Vine, Andrew Cowans and Alex Burman. Front: Darren Nicholson, Paul Capewell, Gavin Taylor, Paul Moreton, David Curtain and Greg Dade. Order no: 15801995



DATE UNKNOWN: Totton's Jamie Mason tries to stop Chandler's Ford Rangers' Tom Holmes and Gavin Smith. Order no: 15802247



DATE UNKNOWN: Eagles FC. Back row, from left: Simon Mobsby, Mark Reece, David Otorowski, Daniel Gilroy, Mark Evans, Toby Burroughs, James Cox and James Dickens. Front: Liam Edger, Craig McKell, Callum Earl, Robert Leach, Daniel Mochbridge, Andrew MacIssac and Liam Murphy. Order no: 15801972



DATE UNKNOWN: Eagles keeper Mark Evans blocks Earls FC's Paul Herbert. Order no: 15801940



DATE UNKNOWN: Elliott Wykes from Spire Boys takes on Hedge Rangers' David Goble. Order no: 15802097

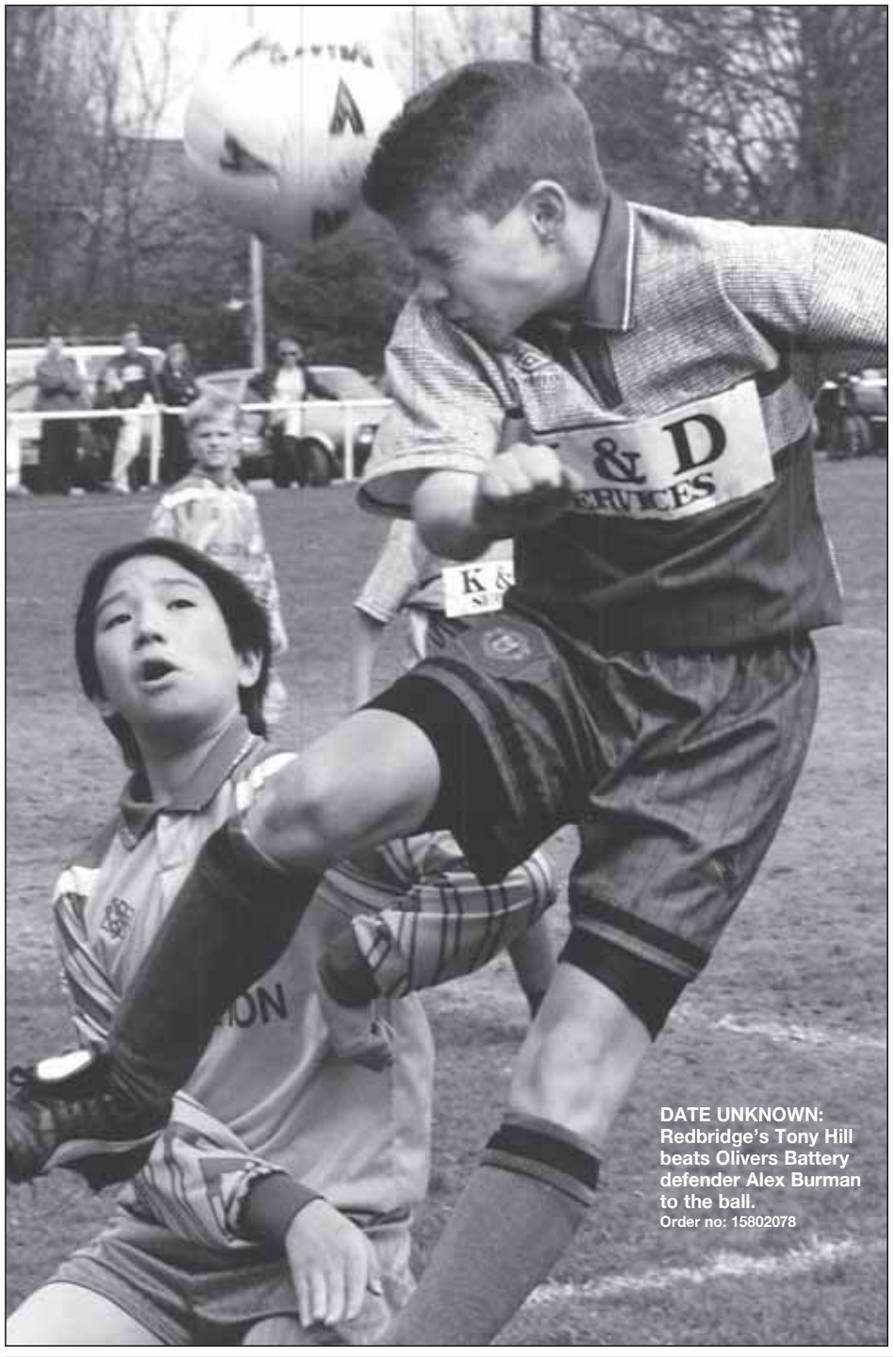
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DATE UNKNOWN: Hedge End Rangers. Back row, from left: Darryl Walters, Robert Goddard, Luke Prendergast, Richard Henley, David Goble, Richard Stiles, Christopher Hendry and Martin Ely. Front: Asa Agboola, Robert Lamb, Mark Samuels, Rhys Collins, Andrew Surman and Daniel Fox.
Order no: 15802186



DATE UNKNOWN: Redbridge Sporting Club. Back row, from left: Richard Gregory, Alex Chalk, Lewis Kennard, Nathaniel Coffin, Nathan Golden, Joe Bell and Matthew Gregory. Front: David Hoare, James Alexander, Matthew Couch, Tony Hill, Lee Hughes and David King.
Order no: 15802166



DATE UNKNOWN: Redbridge's Tony Hill beats Olivers Battery defender Alex Burman to the ball.
Order no: 15802078



DATE UNKNOWN: Chandler's Ford Rangers. Back row, from left: Nicky Diver, Tom Harrison, Tom Holmes, Johnny Jannaway, Tom Battatt, Craig Stride and Paul Tulip. Front: Gavin Smith, Mark Risbridger, Phillip Hastings, David Kendall, Nicky Kesby, Steve Muddle, Ross Leighton.
Order no: 15802051



DATE UNKNOWN: Totton Rangers. Back row, from left: Chris Alexander, Robert Sleep, Adam Cartwright, Greg Snelgrove, Melvin Rogers, Aaron Baker and Mark Cumber. Front: Robert Hampson, Michael Cox, Liam Hanlon, Danny Hanlon, Jamie Mason, James Farwell, Gary Dugdale.
Order no: 15802017



DATE UNKNOWN: Earls FC. Names not known.
Order no: 15802906

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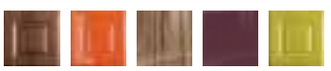
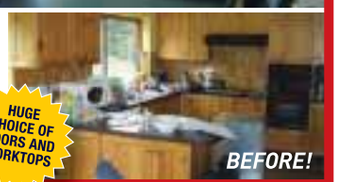
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Arsenal ..... 1 **Stoke** 0
Podolski 78
HT 0-0 Att 59,872

Everton ..... 3 **A. Villa** 3
Anichebe 21 Benteke 2,61
Fellaini 69,90 Agbonlahor 24
HT 1-2 Att 38,121

Fulham ..... L **Man Utd** L

Newcastle ..... 3 **Chelsea** 2
Gutierrez 41 Lampard 55
Sissoko 68,90 Mata 61
HT 1-0 Att 52,314

Q.P.R. ..... 0 **Norwich** 0
HT 0-0 Att 17,543

Reading ..... 2 **Sunderlnd** 1
Kebe 7,85 Gardner 29 pen
HT 1-1 Att 23,829

West Ham ..... 1 **Swansea** 0
Carroll 77
HT 0-0 Att 34,962

Wigan ..... 2 **SAINTS** 2
Caldwell 25 Lambert 64
Maloney 90 Schneiderlin 85
HT 1-0

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Man Utd	24	11	0	1	32	15	8	2	2	27	16	59
Man City	24	9	2	1	27	9	6	5	1	18	10	52
Chelsea	25	6	4	2	26	11	7	3	3	25	16	46
Spurs	24	6	4	2	18	12	6	2	4	23	17	42
Everton	25	6	6	1	22	16	4	6	2	18	14	42
Arsenal	25	7	3	3	33	18	4	5	3	16	11	41
Liverpool	24	6	3	3	22	10	3	5	4	20	20	35
Swansea	25	4	6	2	22	18	4	4	5	12	10	34
W.B.A.	24	7	2	3	19	11	3	2	7	15	23	34
Stoke	25	5	6	1	16	13	1	6	6	8	17	30
West Ham	25	6	4	3	21	14	2	2	8	7	22	30
Sunderlnd	25	4	4	4	14	12	3	4	6	14	21	29
Fulham	24	5	3	4	21	16	2	4	6	15	25	28
Norwich	25	5	4	3	14	14	1	6	6	11	26	28
Newcastle	25	6	1	6	17	18	1	5	6	16	26	27
SAINTS	**25**	**3**	**5**	**4**	**15**	**14**	**2**	**4**	**7**	**18**	**30**	**24**
Reading	25	4	6	3	22	24	1	2	9	10	22	23
Wigan	25	2	4	7	17	27	3	2	7	12	20	21
A. Villa	25	2	4	6	9	18	2	5	6	14	31	21
Q.P.R.	25	1	7	5	8	19	1	4	7	10	18	17

npower Championship

Birminghm ..... 2 **Nottm For** 1
Burke 45,80 Sharp 90 pen
HT 1-0 Att 17,738

Blackburn ..... 2 **Bristol C** 0
Rhodes 28,65
HT 1-0 Att 13,539

Blackpool ..... 1 **Barnsley** 2
Ince 55 O Brien 25, Scotland 88
HT 0-1 Att 13,695

Crystal P ..... 2 **Charlton** 1
Murray 75,79 Fuller 15
HT 0-1

Derby Cty ..... 3 **Huddersfld** 0
Bryson 24, Ward 33
Keogh 59
HT 2-0 Att 21,561

Ipswich ..... 4 **Middlesbro** 0
Smith 38,78
McGoldrick 47, Mclean 56
HT 1-0 Att 16,389

Leeds Utd ..... 0 **Cardiff** 1
Campbell 64
HT 0-0 Att 19,236

Millwall ..... 0 **Hull** 1
Meyler 1
HT 0-1 Att 9,589

Peterboro ..... 2 **Burnley** 2
Rowe 65,69 Austin 1, Paterson 85
HT 0-1 Att 6,648

Sheff Wed ..... 3 **Brighton** 1
Lita 5, Pugh 34 Orlandi 54
Antonio 56
HT 2-0 Att 22,044

Watford ..... 2 **Bolton** 1
Vydra 36, Abdi 70 Sordell 32 pen
HT 1-1

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Cardiff	29	12	1	1	25	8	8	2	5	26	22	63
Leicester	29	11	2	2	35	12	5	3	6	16	12	53
Hull	29	8	2	4	21	14	8	3	4	19	17	53
Watford	30	8	2	5	26	16	8	2	5	32	24	52
Crystal P	30	9	5	1	35	17	5	4	6	17	20	51
Middlesbro	29	10	1	3	29	16	5	1	9	18	27	47
Burnley	30	7	4	4	23	16	5	3	7	23	28	43
Brighton	29	5	6	3	20	13	5	6	4	21	20	42
Derby Cty	29	8	5	2	33	17	3	3	8	12	24	41
Millwall	30	7	2	6	20	18	4	6	5	20	23	41
Nottm For	30	7	4	4	21	19	3	7	5	19	23	41
Leeds Utd	29	9	2	4	20	18	3	3	8	19	27	41
Blackburn	29	7	2	6	18	17	3	8	3	22	20	40
Charlton	30	4	5	6	20	23	6	4	5	20	19	39
Blackpool	30	4	6	5	26	21	5	4	6	22	24	37
Birminghm	30	5	5	5	20	23	4	5	6	20	24	37
Huddersfld	30	5	6	4	19	19	4	3	8	14	32	36
Sheff Wed	30	5	2	8	19	26	5	3	7	17	19	35
Ipswich	30	4	5	6	21	22	5	3	7	12	29	35
Bolton	29	6	5	3	21	15	2	5	8	20	28	34
Wolves	30	4	5	6	18	22	5	1	9	17	21	33
Barnsley	30	4	4	7	14	19	4	3	8	19	26	31
Bristol C	30	5	2	8	28	34	3	2	10	14	24	28
Peterboro	29	4	2	9	24	31	4	1	9	17	23	27

npower League One

Bury ..... 2 **Doncaster** 0
Bishop 25
Ajose 36
HT 2-0 Att 3,618

Crawley ..... L **Swindon** L

Crewe ..... 1 **Scunthorpe** 0
Leitch-Smith 75
HT 0-0 Att 4,302

Hartlepool ..... 2 **Notts Cnty** 1
Poole 5 Campbell-Ryce 52
Hartley 70
HT 1-0 Att 3,662

M K Dons ..... 0 **CHERRIES** 3
Grabban 9
Pugh 45
Arter 84
HT 0-2 Att 9,233

POMPEY ..... 2 **Colchester** 3
Wallace 5 Massey 2,20
Keene 73 Sears 16 pen
HT 1-3 Att 11,132

Preston ..... 1 **Shrewsbry** 2
Beavon 43 Taylor 64
Richards 90 pen
HT 1-0

Stevenage ..... 0 **Leyton O** 1
Cox 10
HT 0-1 Att 3,577

Tranmere ..... 0 **Carlisle** 1
Loy 44
HT 0-1 Att 5,713

Walsall ..... 3 **Oldham** 1
Baxendale 40 Barnard 19
Paterson 74,90
HT 1-1 Att 4,672

Yeovil ..... 3 **Brentford** 0
Madden 34
Upson 41
Burn 84
HT 2-0 Att 4,106

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Tranmere	30	8	4	3	25	12	8	4	3	21	15	56
Doncaster	29	7	2	5	18	16	10	3	2	25	11	56
CHERRIES	**30**	**8**	**6**	**1**	**29**	**13**	**6**	**4**	**5**	**24**	**26**	**52**
Swindon	28	8	4	3	32	8	6	4	3	17	11	50
Brentford	29	8	4	2	24	15	5	7	3	17	15	50
Sheff Utd	29	6	6	3	24	17	6	6	2	16	11	48
Yeovil	29	8	2	5	24	16	7	1	6	24	23	48
Coventry	31	5	5	5	22	18	8	3	5	29	21	47
Walsall	31	7	4	5	24	23	5	4	6	19	23	44
Notts Cnty	29	5	3	6	18	17	6	7	2	24	14	43
M K Dons	28	8	3	4	22	16	4	4	5	17	15	43
Crewe	29	8	2	4	16	12	4	5	6	20	25	43
Leyton O	30	7	2	6	16	15	6	2	7	17	21	43
Crawley	27	6	3	4	22	19	6	2	6	14	20	41
Stevenage	27	3	5	6	17	25	8	2	3	17	12	40
Carlisle	29	5	3	7	21	30	5	3	6	15	20	36
Preston	29	3	7	6	20	21	5	4	4	18	17	35
Shrewsbry	31	5	7	3	18	15	2	6	8	15	23	34
Colchester	29	5	3	6	18	19	3	2	10	12	27	29
Oldham	30	3	3	8	13	18	4	3	9	16	26	27
Bury	29	3	5	6	14	19	2	6	7	15	23	26
Scunthorpe	29	1	5	7	13	25	5	3	8	16	24	26
POMPEY	**29**	**3**	**2**	**11**	**17**	**25**	**2**	**4**	**7**	**15**	**27**	**21**
Hartlepool	29	2	3	9	11	23	2	4	9	14	28	19

npower League Two

AFC Wimbledon 1 **Burton Albion** 1
Alexander 27 Symes 36
HT 1-1 Att 3,684

Cheltnham ..... 2 **Torquay** 1
Lowe 33 Howe 88
Harrad 51
HT 1-0 Att 2,961

Exeter ..... 0 **Aldershot** 0
HT 0-0 Att 3,755

Fleetwood Town 2 **Bradford** 2
Goodall 23 Wells 45
Parkin 75 pen Dickson 52
HT 1-1 Att 3,577

Plymouth ..... 0 **Dagenham** 0
HT 0-0 Att 6,234

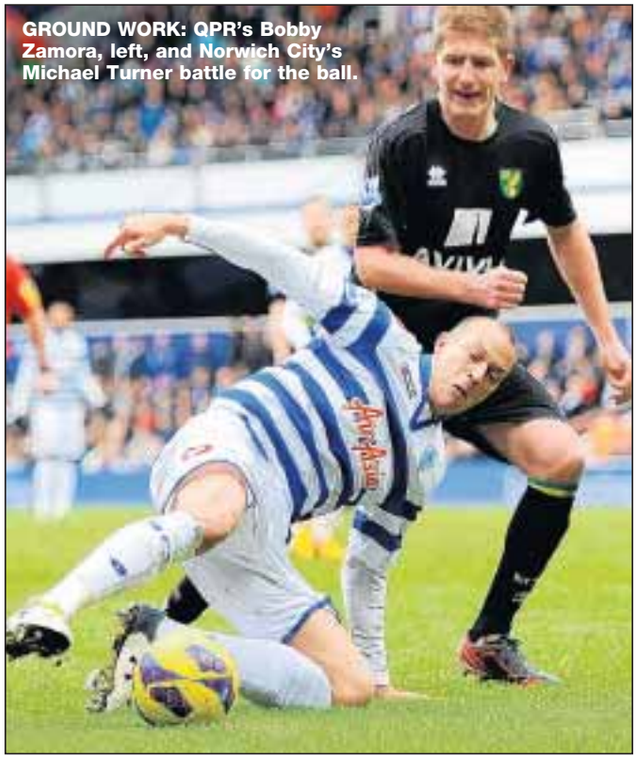
Port Vale ..... 3 **Acc Stanley** 0
Hughes 50,66
Purse 54
HT 0-0 Att 5,172

Rochdale ..... 1 **Chesterfld** 1
Grant 66 O Shea 55
HT 0-0 Att 2,746

Rotherham ..... 3 **Northmptn** 1
Nardiello 42 pen Carlisle 90
Pringle 75
O Connor 79
HT 1-0 Att 7,739

Southend ..... 1 **Oxford Utd** 0
Leonard 85
HT 0-0 Att 5,596

York ..... 1 **Morecambe** 4
Walker 28 pen Alessandra 23
Ellison 74
Redshaw 87,90
HT 1-1 Att 3,138



GROUND WORK: QPR's Bobby Zamora, left, and Norwich City's Michael Turner battle for the ball.

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Port Vale	29	7	4	3	33	15	9	4	2	28	17	56
Gillingham	28	7	4	4	28	15	9	3	1	20	9	55
Cheltnham	29	9	4	2	24	13	4	5	5	15	22	48
Burton Albion	31	10	3	2	31	15	3	5	8	11	26	47
Southend	29	6	4	4	18	12	7	3	5	25	17	46
Rotherham	28	9	0	7	32	24	5	4	3	14	17	46
Exeter	30	4	5	7	19	21	9	2	3	24	19	46
Northmptn	30	10	2	3	30	13	3	4	8	17	29	45
Fleetwood T	29	6	6	4	21	18	5	5	3	18	12	44
Bradford	28	8	2	4	23	13	3	6	5	17	22	41
Chesterfld	30	6	5	4	26	17	4	5	6	12	16	40
Morecambe	30	5	6	3	18	16	5	3	8	21	22	39
Oxford Utd	29	6	4	3	21	15	5	2	9	20	29	39
Rochdale	30	4	5	6	19	17	6	3	6	28	31	38
Dagenham	31	6	4	5	22	17	4	4	8	21	27	38
Torquay	28	6	5	2	24	20	3	5	7	12	15	37
York	30	4	5	6	19	23	4	8	3	18	19	37
Wycombe	28	5	4	5	16	14	5	2	7	17	26	36
Bristol R	28	5	3	6	20	24	3	4	7	16	27	31
Acc Stanley	30	4	3	7	13	20	4	4	8	17	28	31
Aldershot	29	3	3	8	12	20	4	6	5	14	20	30
Plymouth	30	4	6	6	18	20	2	5	7	13	21	29
Barnet	30	4	5	5	19	20	3	3	10	11	24	29
AFC W'don	28	2	5	8	15	25	5	2	6	18	26	28

Scottish Cup Fifth Round

Dundee Utd ..... 3 **Rangers** 0
Russell 1,79
Daly 36
HT 2-0 Att 9,564

Dunfrmline ..... 0 **Hamilton** 2
May 51
Routledge 61
HT 0-0 Att 2,588

Falkirk ..... 4 **Forfar** 1
Taylor 19,83 I Campbell 21 pen
Murdoch 68
Weatherston 75
HT 1-1 Att 1,967

Kilmarnock ..... 2 **Inverness CT** 0
Heffernan 58,85
HT 0-0 Att 3,172

St Mirren ..... 2 **St Johnstn** 0
Goncalves 49,56
HT 0-0 Att 3,507

Clydesdale Bank Premier

Ross Cnty ..... 2 **Hearts** 2

	HOME						AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Celtic	24	9	2	2	26	8	7	2	2	26	9	52
Inverness CT	23	5	5	2	26	17	4	5	2	22	20	37
Motherwell	23	4	5	3	19	18	6	2	3	21	14	37
Hibernian	25	6	3	3	18	12	3	4	6	14	19	34
St Johnstn	24	5	4	3	15	13	3	5	4	14	17	33
Aberdeen	25	3	6	3	13	13	5	2	6	18	21	32
Dundee Utd	24	2	7	3	22	21	5	2	5	15	20	30
Hearts	24	6	3	3	14	13	1	6	5	10	15	30
Kilmarnock	24	4	2	6	18	18	3	6	3	17	16	29
Ross Cnty	24	3	6	2	12	11	3	5	5	17	23	29
St Mirren	24	5	3	5	21	27	2	4	5	12	16	28
Dundee	24	2	1	8	8	21	1	4	8	6	22	14

Scottish Division One

Cowdenbth ..... P **Partick** ..... P
Dumbarton ..... 3 **Livingston** 4

Scottish Division Two

Ayr Utd ..... P **Brechin** ..... P
Queen Sth ..... 0 **Alloa** 0
Stenhsmuir ..... 1 **Arbroath** 0
Stranraer ..... 3 **East Fife** 1

Scottish Division Three

Clyde ..... 1 **Elgin** 1
Montrose ..... 2 **E Stirling** 2
Peterhead ..... 1 **Berwick** 1
Queen Park ..... 2 **Annan Athletic** 2
Stirling A ..... P **Rangers** ..... P

Blue Square Bet Premier

AFC Telford ..... 1 **Cambridge** 2
Barrow ..... 1 **Luton** 0
Braintree Town .. P **Lincoln City** ..... P
Forest Grn ..... 0 **Wrexham** 0
Grimsby ..... 4 **Alfreton Town** 2
Hereford ..... 2 **Southport** 2
Mansfield ..... 5 **Dartford** 0
Newport C'nty ... P **Kiddrmnstr** ..... P
Stockport C'nty . 3 **Nuneaton** 2
Tamworth ..... 2 **Gateshead** 0
Woking ..... 2 **Hyde** 1

Grey panels indicate High-scoring games

Local non-league results

BLUE SQUARE CONFERENCE
South: Bath City 0 Staines 0, Billericay pp Boreham Wood, Chelmsford 1 Hayes & Yeading 1, Dover 3 Truro 2, Eastbourne Borough 1 AFC Hornchurch 1, Havant & Waterlooville 3 Basingstoke 1, Salisbury City 3 Bromley 1, Sutton 1 Eastleigh 0, Tonbridge Angels 1 Farnborough 2, Welling 3 Dorchester 2, Weston-super-Mare 1 Maidenhead 0.

EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Totton 2 Bashley 0, Arlesey 1 St Albans 3, Barwell 1 Hitchin 0, Bedworth 0 Cambridge City 2, Chippenham 1 Bideford 7, Frome 0 Banbury 0, Gosport Borough 0 Weymouth 0, Hemel Hempstead 1 Chesham 2, Redditch 1 St Neots 0, Stourbridge 0 Bedford 1.
Division One South & West: Bridgwater pp Abingdon Utd, Cinderford 0 Swindon Supermarine 1, Didcot 4 Tiverton 1, Evesham pp Mangotsfield, Hungerford 0 Cirencester 1, Merthyr Town 2 Bishops Cleeve 1, North Leigh 0 Taunton 2, Sholing 1 Paulton 0, Shortwood 3 Poole Town 0, Wimborne 0 Clevedon 0, Yate 6 Winchester City 1.

SYDENHAMS LEAGUE
Premier Division: AFC Portchester 2 Hayling Utd 5, Alresford 5 Fawley 0, Alton 3 Lymington 2, Bemerton HH 3 Fareham 0, Blackfield & Langley 6 Romsey 1, Bournemouth 1 Christchurch 1, Downton 1 Newport IoW 1, Hamworthy Utd 0 Moneyfields 2, Horndean 1 GE Hamble 3, Verwood 3 New Milton 1.
Division One: Andover New Street 2 Stockbridge 2, East Cowes Vics 1 Amesbury O, Fleet Spurs pp Hythe & Dibden, Laverstock & Ford pp Tadley Calleva, Pewsey Vale 0 Petersfield 0, Team Solent 0 Cowes Sports 4, US Portsmouth pp Ringwood.

PUMA ENGINEERING HANTS LEAGUE
Senior Division: AFC Stoneham 2 Otterbourne 1, Aldermaston pp Fleetlands, Bournemouth Sports 2 Hedge End Rangers 3, Liphook Utd 3 Winchester Castle 1, Locks Heath pp Colden Common, Overton Utd 2 Clanfield 1, QK Southampton pp Hamble, Sporting BW pp Paulsgrove, Uni of Portsmouth pp Liss Athletic.
Combination Division: Clanfield 5 Liphook Utd 1, Colden Common pp AFC Stoneham, Hedge End Rangers pp Overton Utd, Liss Athletic 0 Locks Heath 2, Paulsgrove 7 Sporting BW 1, Winchester Castle 4 Bournemouth Sports 2.
PEHPFL – Combination Cup: Fleetlands Res pp Paulsgrove Res.

MAGNATA LEAGUE 2004
Broughton 3 Durley 2, Infinity 2 Four Marks 3 Upham 3 Crusaders 3, Lyndhurst pp Andover Lions, Michelmersh & Timsbury pp Forest Town.

WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE
North Hants Intermediate Cup – quarter-final: Whitchurch 0 Poison 5.
Division One East: Fareham 1 Alresford 2, GE Hamble 5 Alton 0, Petersfield Town 3 Horndean 3.
Division One West: Lymington Town 3 East Cowes Vics 1, Ringwood 3 Verwood 2, Romsey Town 1 Blackfield & Langley 6.
DREW SMITH SOUTHAMPTON LEAGUE
Southampton Senior Cup- quarter-final: Brockenhurst 3 Southampton University 2.
Senior Premier: Netley CS 2 Cadnam 0, Nursling 1 Comrades 6.
Division One: All matches postponed

POOLS CHECK

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49
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CHECK	1	2	1	3	L	L	4	1	2	6	●	L	8	9	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	●	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	●	3	1	1	2	●	3	1	1	2	●	3	1	1	2	1	1	●	3	1

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